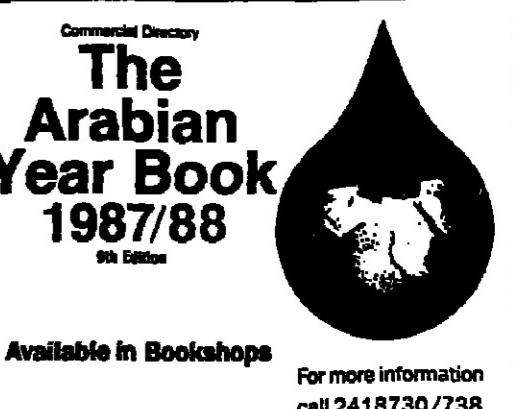




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Commonwealth will welcome Pakistan's re-entry

LONDON, Feb 6. (Agencies): Sir Shridath Ramlal, secretary-general of the Commonwealth, said yesterday that Pakistan would be welcomed if it seeks readmission to the 48-member organisation of Britain and its former colonies.

In a global radio phone-in on the BBC programme World Service, he said "he had 'absolutely no objection' to Pakistan's return to the Commonwealth and he knew of no opposition from any other quarter."

Important

Pakistan withdrew from the Commonwealth in 1972, a month after Zulfikar Ali Bhutto became president and chief martial law administrator. Bhutto was reportedly angry at the quick recognition of Bangladesh, which broke away from Pakistan in 1971, by three important Commonwealth members, Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

Bhutto, who later became prime minister under a new constitution, was ousted by Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq in a military coup in 1977 and later hanged.

Pakistan made known its interest in rejoining the Commonwealth before a meeting of the organisation in 1983. The issue, however, was not pursued since India did not express support for the move.

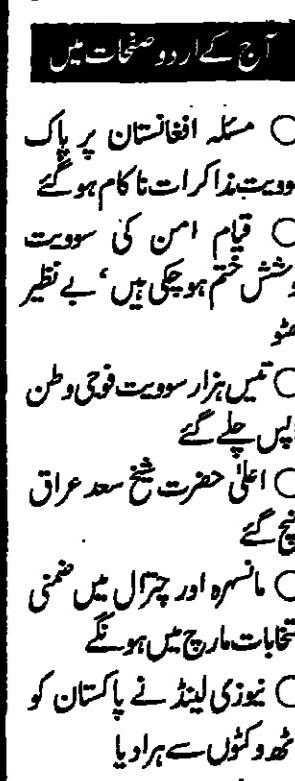
Although there are no Commonwealth regulations, Pakistan's re-entry would have to be agreed by all members of the organisation.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Arab Times will tomorrow publish in full the new labour regulations for the private sector.

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Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: -1°C 30°F
Ahmad: 7°C 45°F
Falaka: 6°C 43°F
Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 57 per cent
Ahmad: 40 per cent
Falaka: 44 per cent

Kuwait seeks to resolve border issue

Sheikh Saad in talks with Iraqi leaders on strengthening ties



HH the Crown Prince leaving for Baghdad.

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Gulf peace talks to resume soon

NICOSIA, Feb 6. (Reuters): Iraq, repeating a demand for Iraq to withdraw from its territory, said today face-to-face peace talks with its Gulf war foe would resume soon.

He said Iraqi forces had advanced in some areas despite the presence of UN peacekeepers in outright violation of the ceasefire.

The report did not indicate when the advances were made. Iran last month put the area of its border regions in Iraqi hands at 1,000 sq km.

Violations

Perez de Cuellar said in a report to the Security Council on Friday that UN peacekeepers had received 1,960 complaints of truce violations in the first five months of the ceasefire.

The radio report did not say if Velayati gave a date or venue for the talks.

Velayati is due to fly to New York to meet UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and attend a Security Council session extending the mandate of the UN ceasefire monitoring force.

Effect
The ceasefire took effect last August, but peace talks which began five days later quickly stalled and there have been no meetings for three months.

Velayati told Tehran Radio: "Everyone knows that after accepting the resolution, Iran

Iraqi Vice-President Mohieddin Maaroni and Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz said last month that the border issue will be resolved soon.

A Western diplomat in Kuwait said Iraq was particularly concerned with sovereignty and navigation

rights in the Khor Abdullah, a narrow channel along Bubiyan island serving the emerging Iraqi ports of Umm Qasr and Zubair.

Iraq is spending a billion dollars to develop the two ports as an alternative to its main port of Basra, whose only outlet to the Gulf, the disputed Shatt Al Arab

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France to join efforts to end Lebanese crisis

By Jadranka Porter

FRANCE yesterday pledged to join forces with an Arab League team headed by Kuwait in an effort to help end the Lebanese crisis.

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas told reporters upon arrival in Kuwait yesterday that he had full confidence in Kuwait's diplomatic ability to conduct the difficult negotiations.

"We are pleased with the choice the Arab League has made. The choice of Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed as head of the committee is an additional guarantee for the success of the team's efforts," said Dumas.

In Tunis, the Arab League committee charged with organising support for the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip met today to seek ways of maintaining international interest in the plight of the Palestinians, League officials said.

France will combine efforts with the Arab League team to help find a solution to problems besieging Lebanon, he added.

Sheikh Sabah heads a committee

of six Arab foreign ministers given the task of reconciling Lebanon. The committee held its first meeting in Tunis on Jan 30. Paris last week sent an envoy to Lebanon to discuss with different factions ways of pushing the Tunis dialogue forward.

Dumas was in Kuwait on a three-hour stop-over on his way from Tehran to Paris. He was to hold talks with Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed centring on the Lebanese crisis.

He said he expected Sheikh Sabah to brief him on the latest developments in efforts to solve the Lebanese crisis and to "broach the issue of the Mirage fighter plane to Kuwait."

Strengthen

Kuwait is seeking to further strengthen its Air Force and may buy fighter planes in addition to 40 F18s which are part of \$1.9 billion arms deal concluded with the United States last year.

France, with its Mirage 2000 fighter jets, is understood to be a

strong contender.

Dumas described his visit to Tehran as useful. France is in the process of reviewing its relations with Iraq and Iran following the ceasefire last August, he said. The objective of his visit to Iran was to hear the Iranian point of view, he added.

Agreement

Asked whether France reached an agreement with Tehran on the issue of \$1 billion loan made to France in 1975 by the Shah, Dumas said the two sides had mapped out a procedure for further negotiations.

"This is a technical detail. We have examined the documents and devised a framework for further negotiations. It will take time to get to the bottom of this issue," said Dumas.

The French government repaid \$630 million of the loan in 1986 while it was negotiating the release of the last three French hostages held in Lebanon by pro-Iranian groups.

Iran tests home-made hovercraft

NICOSIA, Feb 6. (Reuters): An Iranian-made hovercraft which can carry 12 people at a maximum speed of 60 km/h (37 mph)

has been successfully tested in a southern Iranian lake, Tehran radio said today.

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, said the hovercraft was wholly designed and built by the Revolutionary Guards' naval

industries at a cost of 15 million rials (\$200,000).

The craft, named Yuness, was 8.4 metres (28 feet) long and 4.4 metres (14 feet) wide and weighed three tonnes, the radio said.

The Iranian Navy is equipped with six hovercraft bought from Britain in the 1970s.

Reconciliation

FEZ, Morocco, Feb 6. (Reuters): Former foes President Chadli Benjedid and Morocco's King Hassan embraced each other today when the Algerian leader began his first official visit to the North African kingdom.

The king greeted Chadli warmly at Fez airport after he flew in to set the seal on reconciliation between the neighbouring states.

Soviets fail in

last-ditch Afghan peace bid

RAWALPINDI, Feb 6. (Reuters):

(Continued)

Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto suggested today the Soviet effort to forge an Afghan peace that included the Kabul government was dead.

"How much more effort can they go on putting in," she said in an interview only hours after Soviet Foreign Minister Edward Shevardnadze left Pakistan after apparently unsuccessful talks on the issue.

"With only nine days left (before the last Soviet troops leave Afghanistan) one cannot see how much more effort they can make," she said.

Benazir said it was up to a rebel mujahideen consultative council, or "shura," set for Feb 10 to form an interim government and allow reconstruction efforts to begin after a nine-year war in which over one million people may have died.

Officials also said Sheikh Saad will discuss ways of reviving deadlocked Gulf peace talks.

Concerned

Kuwaiti officials expressed confidence that the visit will "constitute an actual contribution to the enhancement of the fraternal relations" between Iraq and Kuwait.

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INTERNATIONAL



Rodriguez is embraced by Asuncion's Archbishop Ismael Rolon at the start of a mass for the people who died during the military coup. (Reuter wirephoto)

Paraguay's deposed dictator in exile

ASUNCION, Feb 6 (UPI): Deposed dictator Alfredo Stroessner spent his first full day in exile today, while the general who ousted him in a bloody coup said presidential elections would be held within three months.

Stroessner, 76, was taken yesterday evening to the Asuncion airport that bears his name and put aboard a jetliner that took him to Brazil, where he was granted provisional asylum.

Hecklers shouted "assassin, assassin," and "the dictatorship is over," as the somber Stroessner boarded the plane and left the nation he ruled with an iron fist for more than 34 years.

Among those at the airport was new President Andress Rodriguez, who led the coup. Stroessner resigned Friday after his guards were defeated in the two-day military uprising that left between 200 and 300 people dead.

The constitution says elections must be held within 90 days after a president resigns, and Rodriguez said polls would be held during that period.

Foreign Relations Minister Luis Argana said the government would dissolve Congress and set a date for elections for both Congress and president.

Filipino adviser flies to US

Aquino seeks deal with Marcos

MANILA, Feb 6, (Reuter): President Corazon Aquino has sent a senior adviser to the United States to talk with Ferdinand Marcos' lawyers about a deal between the former Philippine strongman and the country he allegedly pillaged for 20 years.

She said today she sent Mateo Caparas to verify Manila newspaper reports that Marcos "sincerely wants to discuss a settlement" of demands for the return of millions of dollars he is alleged to have stolen from the Philippines while in power.

Caparas, chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, left for the United States on Friday.

Marcos, 71, and his wife, Imelda, have lived in exile in Hawaii since Aquino was swept to power in February, 1986. They face trial in a US court on charges of looting the Philippine treasury.

Bush to go to Canada on first trip abroad

TORONTO, Feb 6, (AP): Canadians looking for assurance that their country won't be ignored by Washington now that a free trade agreement between the two countries is in place should be cheered by US President George Bush's visit to Ottawa this week.

Bush continues a pattern set by former President Ronald Reagan in making his first presidential trip abroad to Canada.

There have been hints that Bush's half-day meeting Friday with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will be just the first of several 1989 sessions, an increase from the recent pattern of annual meetings.

Canadians often complain that people in the United States ignore or take for granted their northern neighbour and fail to recognise that their trade relationship is the largest of any two countries in the world.

After a heated election campaign last fall that attracted an unusual amount of international attention, Mulroney's progressive Conservative Party won a second consecutive majority government. That cleared the way for the free trade agreement with the United States that he and Reagan signed in January 1988 to take effect on New Year's Day, as scheduled.

The pact phases out all

Brazil bares all during Rio carnival

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb 6, (Reuter): Rio's carnival exploded in colour and sound last night as the top samba schools took their glittering floats and flamboyant costumes onto the city's parade ground in the battle for a golden trophy.

The first school's parade was marred when a woman guest of honour fell several metres to the ground from one of the giant floats as it was pushed along the Sambodromo Avenue.

But what we see here, of course, is the gap between PLO declarations and deeds," Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told reporters.

"It continues to dispatch terrorist bands of various PLO factions and hopes the world will hear the words and not look at the deeds."

The infiltration attempt was claimed by the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palest-

ine (PFLP), which has criticised statements by Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Attack

The DFLP has said that Arafat's remarks to the UN General Assembly in Geneva in December, in which he renounced terrorism and recognised Israel's right to exist, "do not commit the PLO to anything and they do not represent official policy."

One Army officer told the Jerusalem Post: He (Arafat) is totally disconnected and out of touch with what is going on in Lebanon."

Israeli security sources said the guerrillas were attempting the first attack across Israel's northern border by a major PLO faction since Arafat's UN address.

Israel said none of its soldiers was injured. The PFLP said there were several Israeli casualties.

Meeting to normalise relations

Sino-Soviet summit May 15-18

ISLAMABAD, Feb 6, (Reuter): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said today the first Sino-Soviet summit meeting for 30 years would bring complete normality to relations between the two communist giants.

The summit between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping will be held in Beijing from May 15 to 18, Shevardnadze confirmed.

"Now that the Sino-Soviet summit has been clearly marked on the political calendar this year, we can rightly say it will mean a complete normalisation of relations between the Soviet Union and China," he told a news conference in Islamabad.

Document

"The summit will close the chapter on the past and chart a new course into the future," he said shortly before heading home from talks in Beijing, long estranged from its communist neighbour, and Pakistan.

Shevardnadze said officials of the two countries were preparing a joint document "on the basis of

the clearly defined principles of the new Sino-Soviet relations" to be signed in Beijing by the two leaders. He gave no other details.

Shevardnadze also said the two sides had agreed during their talks in Beijing last week on a document on Kampuchea he said would show "the areas of agreement about how to tackle the crisis in the region."

He gave no details, but the official New China News Agency today said the two sides agreed on the need for "an effective control mechanism" to supervise the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops, which invaded the country in December, 1978.

The continued presence of Vietnamese troops in the country has been a major stumbling block to improved Sino-Soviet relations.

Vietnam has promised to withdraw its troops from Kampuchea by September, 1989.

Shevardnadze said the joint document emphasised Moscow's desire to settle regional conflicts, like Afghanistan, on which he held talks in Pakistan.

China and the Soviet Union agreed that there should be no foreign troops or military bases

"It recognises the futility of military means and the indispensability of political means to settle conflicts," he said.

Differences

Detailing their main point of disagreement, a joint statement said China stood for the formation of a "provisional coalition government" headed by resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk and to include representatives of the three guerrilla resistance factions and the Hanoi-backed government in Phnom Penh.

Moscow, however, proposed a "provisional organ under the charge of Sihanouk and with quadripartite representation."

The body would not be subordinate to any party in Kampuchea.

The crucial difference seemed to be that the present government of Premier Hun Sen in Phnom Penh would dissolve itself under China's proposal but remain in power according to Moscow's plan.

China and the Soviet Union

in Kampuchea after a Vietnamese withdrawal.

Vietnam says it has around 50,000 troops in Kampuchea but this figure is disputed by China which alleges that many are disguised in Kampuchean uniforms.

The joint statement said the United Nations could play "its appropriate role in the process of a political settlement of the Kampuchean question as conditions gradually present themselves."

Beijing and Moscow were both in favour of convening an international conference on Kampuchea "when conditions are ripe."

Xinhua did not say why the Foreign Ministry waited more than 24 hours after Shevardnadze ended his visit to issue the joint statement and announce the summit date.

But in a blunt contradiction minutes after Shevardnadze's plane took off Saturday, Chinese Foreign Minister Tian Zengpei insisted no date was fixed and his government was still considering the matter.

Holy bath

NEW DELHI, Feb 6, (Reuter): Ten million Hindu pilgrims took holy bath at the confluence of rivers in north India today during a festival held every 12 years.

Before first light, braving a morning chill, the first of the pilgrims streamed to spots near the confluence of the Ganges, Jamuna and the mythical Saraswati rivers to take their baths.

They made way at dawn, witnesses said, for colourfully decorated carts drawn by devotees and carrying naked holy men.

Sri Lanka assures protection during polls

COLOMBO, Feb 6, (Reuter): Sri Lankan authorities said today extra security would be given to election candidates on request following an assassination attempt on opposition leader and former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

The leader of the Freedom Party escaped with a bruised leg when a smoke bomb and two grenades were hurled and shot fired at a rally yesterday for general elections scheduled for Feb 15.

More than 30 people were wounded in the attack at Hingurukgoda in north-central province, which police blamed on the left-wing guerrilla group the People's Liberation Front.

"It was an attempt to assassinate me," said Bandaranaike who escaped a similar attack during the presidential election campaign last December.

Policemen said 11 youths have been taken into custody for questioning, but declined to give details.

Two men preparing a stage for an election meeting of ruling United National Party were shot dead today, police said.

Each candidate had been given three guns — a revolver, a shotgun and a repeating shotgun — on request to protect themselves.

"The Defence Ministry is ready to give additional assistance to protect candidates if any such requests are made despite the fact that the security forces are already committed to maintaining law and order in all parts of the country," a ministry spokesman said.

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US and Greece resume bases negotiations

ATHENS, Feb 6, (AP): Greek and American officials today started another round of talks on the future of four US military bases here.

The officials declined to comment on the start of the four-day talks, the 14th since negotiations began under way in late 1987.

Little progress has been made in the ongoing negotiations and officials were not expected to make much headway in his week's discussions.

It was the second meeting between the negotiators since a five-year operating agreement for the installations expired on Dec 20. Under the terms of the old accord, the United States has 17 months to reach a new agreement or dismantle the bases.

Government spokesman Sotiris Kostopoulos said the 18 were freed from prisons in the capital Mogadishu and the northern town of Borame. They included politician Yusuf Osman Samatar, who had been adopted as a prisoner of conscience by the human rights watchdog Amnesty International.

The resignation last week of Rear Admiral Christos Limberis

from the Greek negotiating team was also expected to create further delay until his replacement is found. Limberis, chief of naval operations, is being groomed to take over as naval chief of staff, military sources said.

Assurances

The bases talks have been progressing at a snail's pace because of the Socialist government's insistence that a new agreement provide assurances that the United States help solve the country's longstanding disputes with Turkey.

The two neighbouring Western alliance members have been at odds over military control of the Aegean Sea, its seabed mineral rights and the Cyprus problem.

American officials have said they don't want to involve regional politics in the bilateral talks.

Premier Andreas Papandreou, beset by a series of embarrassing financial scandals, is also expected to use the bases issue to attract leftist votes in the June elections.

Tibetans warned against calls for independence

BEIJING, Feb 6, (UPI): Authorities in Tibet, fearing new violence after 16 months of anti-Chinese unrest, warned today against calls for independence in the region and announced the cancellation of a festival marking Tibetan Buddhism's most important holiday.

The admittance in a magazine article by a senior Tibetan official and the potentially explosive scrubbing of the religious festival reflected government worries over persistent protests led by Tibetan monks against Chinese communist rule.

Nine people were killed in fierce rioting at the end of last year's grand summons ceremony, the most important annual holiday, in early March. The latest violence occurred in December when police fired on protesters in Lhasa, the capital, killing three.

Concern over religious fervour sparked protests has intensified as Tibetans mourn the death Jan 28 from a heart attack of the Panchen Lama, the senior Tibetan religious leader in China and an important mediator between Beijing and restive Tibetans.

Anti-Chinese rioting erupted in October 1987 in Lhasa for the first time since 1959.

Socialism

"To maintain social stability and keep the economy prospering, it is imperative to adhere to the leadership of the Communist Party and follow the socialist road," Raidi wrote, noting the impoverished region's economy had improved with Chinese aid.

The article was tied to the upcoming 30th anniversary of the March 1959 Tibetan rebellion against Beijing that was crushed by Chinese troops. The top Tibetan Buddhist leader, the Dalai Lama, fled to India afterward and has lived since in exile.

Although Tibet is accepted as part of China, many of its two million inhabitants still resent Chinese rule and long for the return of the Dalai Lama. Chinese authorities have been accused of human rights violations and repression of Tibetan culture.

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Bush and his wife Barbara walk to the White House following their return from Camp David. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Hoax bomb call on Gulf Air

LARNACA, Feb 6 (AP): A Gulf Air jetliner that made an emergency landing at Larnaca airport following a "bomb threat" will leave for Frankfurt today after no explosives were found, airport officials reported.

The A-310 Airbus was flying from Dubai in the United Arab Emirates to Frankfurt yesterday with 117 passengers and crew aboard when it diverted to Larnaca after an anonymous caller telephoned Athens control tower and claimed there was a bomb aboard.

Cypriot security officers with sniffer dogs checked the aircraft and baggage during the night, but found nothing and determined that the anonymous call was a hoax, the officials reported.

Good conduct probation for faking document

A WOMAN who gave birth to a baby girl, faked information on official documents to register the baby under the name of her first husband, who she divorced a long time ago before getting married to her second husband.

The second husband worked in the garden of the house the lady used to live in with her first husband, and developed a secret relation with her until she was divorced by her first husband.

They were officially married in Kuwait in June, 1987, the baby girl was delivered at Adan Hospital on Sept. 3, 1987.

The court passed a sentence of one year good conduct probation on the couple.

Recruits for defence jobs

THE Ministry of Defence has assigned 62 recruits from the 23rd batch of draftees to do their military service inside its various departments, by way of filling existing vacancies.

The Army recruits are now taking a special training course at the Police Academy to be followed by another intensive specialist course before they are finally assigned to their posts in the various ministry departments.

Two meningitis cases last month

TWO meningitis cases were diagnosed in Kuwait last month, according to an official source at the Ministry of Public Health, a local daily has reported.

The cases were the first to be reported this year and the patients were non-Kuwaiti children aged eight and 14 years.

The official added that 14 cases of this disease were reported last year showing a significant reduction in the number of cases reported in 1987.

He stressed that the meningitis wave which lashed the country during the pilgrimage season in 1987 is not likely to re-occur due to the comprehensive vaccination campaign adopted by the ministry and health measures imposed on pilgrimage convoys.

Sabah briefs Hoss on second stage of League committee talks

BEIRUT, Feb 6, (KUNA): Lebanese Acting Premier Dr Selim Al Hoss today exchanged, in a telephone contact, views over the Lebanese crisis with Chairman of the Six-man Arab League Committee on Lebanon, Kuwait Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Official Lebanese sources said Sheikh Sabah acquainted Hoss with current preparations to launch the second stage of talks, expected to start on Feb 20.

Sheikh Sabah briefed the Lebanese official on the outcome of consultations made by the Kuwaiti official in Cairo and Damascus.

He has recently concluded the first round of talks with the three Lebanese presidencies in Tunis, following which he paid visits to Cairo and Damascus where he met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

Sheikh Sabah also told KUNA that invitations will be sent to Muslim and Christian spiritual leaders in Lebanon for a meeting in Kuwait with the Arab League's Committee on the Lebanon crisis.

A special Kuwaiti envoy will deliver invitations to the meeting, due to take place on February 23.

Kuwait's meeting which will be held under the umbrella of the Arab League comes within the framework of the six-man committee on Lebanon which held its first meeting in Tunis last week.

Meanwhile, United Nations envoy Jean Claude Aime and French emissary Jean Francois Deniau held separate talks today with Muslim leaders seeking ways to end the political crisis that threatens to formalise the partition of Lebanon.

Aime, who arrived in Beirut early today, met with Acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss.

Minutes before he bowed out, Deniau appointed Gen Michel Aoun to head a military cabinet to rule until a new head of state was elected.

Aoun's appointment violated an unwritten national covenant dating from Lebanon's independence from France in 1943 under which the president was traditionally a Maronite Christian.

Deniau arrived in Lebanon on Friday on a mission related to efforts by the 6-member Arab League Committee that met in Tunis last week with Christian and Muslim leaders seeking a compromise that would reunite Lebanon and ensure the election of a new president.

The political crisis stemmed from the failure of Parliament to elect a successor to President Amin Gemayel when his 6-year term expired on Sept 22.

Covenant

In an interview with the Iraqi News Agency's correspondent in Kuwait, the Kuwaiti minister who is also head of the Kuwait National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters said today he is pleased because the Iraqi Cultural Week will be held to coincide with Kuwait's celebrations of its National Day and the visit to Iraq by His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Saad Al Abdali Al Salem Al Sabah that begins today.

KAC will not be privatised: Khorafi

KUWAIT Airways Corporation (KAC) will not be privatised, according to Jassim Al Khorafi, Minister of Finance.

A local daily reported him as saying that the government, having shares in several companies, refused to privatise, to protect the economic balance.

Khorafi said, in a meeting at the Kuwait Pilots and Flight Engineers Society, the KAC's capital was K350 million and

that government corporations of strategic nature, including KAC, will remain linked to government institutions.

Meanwhile, the official confirming the importance of not creating new financial obligations as the budget burden is not an easy issue and deficits in the budget are currently being studied. He said that necessary studies will soon be conducted to find out the required balance between assets and liabilities.

Iraqi Cultural Week to open tomorrow

BAGHDAD, Feb 6, (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed has said that the holding of the Iraqi Cultural Week in Kuwait following the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war indicates the distinguished relations between the two countries.

In an interview with the Iraqi News Agency's correspondent in Kuwait, the Kuwaiti minister who is also head of the Kuwait National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters said today he is pleased because the Iraqi Cultural Week will be held to coincide with Kuwait's celebrations of its National Day and the visit to Iraq by His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Saad Al Abdali Al Salem Al Sabah that begins today.

Views

Rashed said the cultural week would be a good chance in which intellectuals, artists and poets meet to exchange views, and added the week would be the onset of other similar events between the two countries.

The cultural week will open Wednesday with an Iraqi informative art exhibition at Abdullah Al Salem Art Gallery, followed by an Iraqi folkloric fashion show at Regency Palace Hotel and the following day a

folkloric songs show at Al Andalus Cinema will be held.

On Saturday a lecture on Iraq and the Arabian Gulf will be delivered by Saad Al Bazzaz at the League of Writers to be followed by a folkloric show.

The following Sunday will be for poetry recital and a second folkloric fashion show, and on Monday the week will conclude with a poetry seminar in which a number of poets will take part.

Meanwhile, an Iraqi culture delegation arrived here to take part in the Iraqi Cultural Week.

The delegation is headed by Director of the Iraqi Radio and Television department at the Iraqi Information Ministry, Saad Al Bazzaz.

The delegation was received on arrival by Acting Director of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Dr Farouk Al Omar and a number of council officials.

Bazzaz said in a statement to KUNA that the week would be an additional opportunity for deepening fraternal relations between the two brotherly countries.

Dr Farouk Al Omar in his turn expressed pleasure at meeting the Iraqi delegation and said the meeting between Kuwaiti and Iraqi intellectuals, poets and writers represent the integration between the two peoples.

Organs Transplant Centre highly successful: Abouna

THE Organs Transplant Centre is vital to the country because of the specialised services it provides to protect human life, according to a senior Kuwaiti medical official.

In an interview with a local daily, Dr George Abouna, the head of the Organs Transplant Centre said that the centre has conducted 455 kidney transplants, six marrow transplants, including some pancreatic transplants.

Patients who have had transplants (numbering 400) still visit the centre's outpatient clinics for regular medical check-ups. These outdoor clinics cater to an average of 40 patients daily. The centre still conducts check-ups on patients who had transplants 10 years ago, Abouna said.

He added that rapid and immense advancements have been achieved in the field of organ transplants and most transplant surgeries are highly successful. Kuwait's Organs Transplant Centre has the necessary facilities and equipment in addition to expert medical staff and nurses since it was established ten years ago.

Some patients reject the newly transplanted organ, but these cases are being treated by doctors through the use of medication

Kuwait takes part in Vienna drug conference

VIENNA, Feb 6, (KUNA): The 33rd ordinary conference for the International Committee on Drugs Combating opened here with participation of all member countries including Kuwait.

The ten-day conference discusses international drug fighting methods and strict measures to prevent their production, smuggling and consumption.

The committee, an affiliate of the UN Economic and Social Council, will review the new international agreement reached last December 20 in Vienna to boost world co-operation in combatting drug trafficking. 47 countries, out of 106 members, had so far signed the agreement that goes into effect after endorsement of 23 governments and parliaments.

KD1,000 fine for sexual assault

THE Court of Appeal refrained from issuing a five year sentence against a man for morally assaulting a female but instead imposed a KD1000 fine and a two years good conduct probation on him.

The man, a family friend of the victim called the lady at her house and invited her to his friend's house claiming that he had found her a job and wanted some personal information.

The lady was escorted to the man's friend house where he tried to sexually assault her, by pushing her into the bedroom. The lady was able to escape and reported the incident to the police.

Telecommunications law on services

THE Ministry of Communications is planning to issue a special law on telecommunication services, according to Abdul Aziz Al Ayoub, the ministry's undersecretary.

He said that a draft bill has been prepared by a ministry committee, which proposed articles of existing laws enforced in some Arab and international countries.

The study is almost complete. It was prepared by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research on the proposed new integrated telecommunications digital network.

Entrance tests

A PRESS release from the Indian embassy in Kuwait has said that the common entrance test for Mayo College and others will be held at the embassy premises on Saturday, Feb 25 at 6.30 am.

Candidates registered for these exams should report to the embassy on the above date.

Bahrain Digest

Bahrain Red Crescent Society a unique welfare organisation

BAHRAIN has been served well over the years by a number of social welfare organisations. Community service has been the pride of this small nation and the envy of its neighbours. Considering its size and population the island boasts of more social and community service organisations than any other state in the region.

The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) stands as a unique organisation that provides a wide range of services particularly to the poor and needy in rural areas. The society was formed shortly following the country's independence in 1971 and has since played a significant role in providing voluntary welfare services to a large section of the population and raising funds for a number of national and international causes.

Objectives

In an interview with the Arab Times, Dr Ramsy Fahez, secretary-general of BRCS spoke about the society's role and objectives.

"We are the only Red Crescent Society in the Gulf that has both male and female members. As an international organisation we are affected by problems all over the world. I think this is what makes us so unique. Our work is of a very special nature, as we always work on different projects," said Dr Fahez.

BRCS's activities are conducted through a number of committees which include the following: health education, social welfare, first aid, blood bank, public relations and women's section.

The society's 700 voluntary members comprise of people from all nationalities and professions.

"We always welcome and encourage people to give a couple of hours of their time a week of their work for our work. The response has always been promising," said Dr Fahez.

Health help

The blood bank committee has been in the forefront of launching major blood donation campaigns over the years with great success. This is one of the reasons Bahrain does not need to import blood, but rely on local output.

In recent times the society has financially helped about 350 families, mostly in the villages, with monthly stipends.

"The aim is to help needy families with financial help until such time when one or more members of the family is able to get a job and earn enough for all members. The basic idea is to create a continuous regular source of income for the family concerned," Dr Fahez stated.

Vocational training

As part of its policy and goal, BRCS provides vocational training to rural women all over the country. According to the secretary-general a special training centre, the only one of its kind in the Gulf, has been set up to teach women embroidery, knitting, hair-dressing and health-dressing.

In the past seven years about 200 women have been trained in such trades in five villages in the island.

BRCS also operates two kindergartens in the country for the convenience of working mothers.

Training centre

According to Dr Fahez the organisation is aiming in the near future to set up a training centre for young men, particularly school-dropouts and young adults with little or no education and qualifications. The proposed centre will coincide with the women's section and provide basic hair-cutting training. A minimum of ten students will be required to commence operations.

"We are very worried about young adults who leave school early and have no prospects for employment. We want to keep them away from addictions like drugs. We wish to make them responsible members of society by giving them some hope," emphasised Dr Fahez.

The Bahrain Red Crescent Society is financed by government and private bodies. For the past five years substantial monetary contribution has come from Kuwaiti sources.

The society's headquarters, located by Muhrraq Causeway, has become a landmark of exceptional beauty and architecture. In recent times it has even become a tourist attraction. The construction of the project, costing BD 1 million, was financed by the government of Bahrain with the support and generosity of the Amir, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Kuwaiti girls will not be drafted, says official

COMPULSORY military service will not be applicable to Kuwaiti girls present or in the foreseeable future, according to a senior military official.

Brigadier Abdul Wahab Al Awadi, the assistant chief of staff of Kuwait's Army for Manpower and Administration in an interview with the in-hour magazine of the Ministry of Defence said that the present law of military services does not encompass Kuwaiti girls.

However, he added that the present law states that an Amiri decree can oblige Kuwaiti non-married girls between 18 and 30 years of age to undertake certain military services that would be in keeping with their female status.

But, he clarified that higher authorities have as yet not asked for a study to be undertaken to determine specifics of this issue.

Children watch videos upto five hours a day — report

VIDEO recorders have attracted thousands of people and it is now more popular in Kuwait to watch video films at home than to go to the movies at a theatre.

Statistics have revealed that children spend between three and five hours each day watching television or video films. Experts have considered that the video recorder can have its advantages and its disadvantages.

It can be put to good use to expand knowledge and entertain, but on the other hand it can be a waste of time, poison minds and make screen addicts of children.

A local poll conducted by a local daily, has people saying that video recorders culturally invade minds and creates psychological, social and educational problems.

Quality Abdullah Ghoulam, Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour said that videos have an adverse effect on the minds of children. Most children prefer to watch Western style movies which tend to feature violence, crime and terrorism. He urged parents to select good quality educational process.

The Director of the Social Service Department at the Ministry of Education, Faeqa Ibrahim said that despite the harm that videos do, it can have a positive effect if utilised in the right manner.

It is also considered a strong educational facility since it attracts children, he said.

Castrol

LUBRICANTS

PRESENTS



GRAND DANCE FESTIVAL

BY

Dr. Padma Subramanyam (Padmasree)

On 23-2-1989 at 7.00 pm Bharatha Natyam - Dance Ballet

and

On 25-2-1989 at

EVENTS



Kuwaiti businessman Abdul Karim hosted a reception on Sunday night at the Kuwait International Hotel to celebrate the birth of his son Qais. Picture shows Karim (centre) flanked by friends and relatives.



Dr Rasha opens book exhibition

THE Vice-Rector of Kuwait University Dr Rasha Al Sabah on Saturday opened an exhibition of Children's Books of the Year 1988 at the British Council.

A lecture on "From Tots to Tents — a Survey of British

Literature" was given by Dr Elizabeth Al Kaoud of the Kuwait University's English Department, Faculty of Arts.

The exhibition has been organised by the British Council, Kuwait, in co-operation with the Kuwait Bookshop.



A child examines one of the books on display.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Ghadir Gallery
Until Feb. 9: "The Orient in their Eyes", a collection of works by a group of Arab and European painters will be shown at the gallery. Open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 6.30 pm.

Iwan Gallery
Exhibition of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salma.

Kuwait Society for Formative Arts

Until Feb. 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT. — THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT. — THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT. — THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

EXHIBITIONS

Children's Books of the Year '88

UNTIL FEB 16: An exhibition of British books for children, written by award-winning writers and illustrators, will be held at the British Council, Mansouriya.

The programme is as follows: FILMS: Feb 8 (6 pm): Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day (cartoon); Feb 15 (6 pm): The Amazing Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (cartoons).

STORYTELLING SESSION: A professional storyteller will conduct the sessions. Feb 9/10 (10.30 am) a session for children aged seven to 10; (11 am-12 noon) stories for children aged three to six.

All are welcome. Free admission. But it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU
FEB 10 (Friday, 2 pm - 6 pm): The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait, KAPILKU, will hold their first Bayanahan (get-together) at the Church Hall. Free admission, and lots of prizes for winners of parlour games and raffle contest. Guest singers will entertain. All Filipinos are welcome. For details contact Sarah Macarimbang Tel: 484-3447.

Goan Show
FEB 17 (3.30 pm, IAC): The Goan community will celebrate the Nehru Centenary by presenting three one-act plays. Bebit and Dodol, an English play by Gerry Rodrigues, and two Konkani plays Bed Luck (N.G.O.A.) and On Credit (Goan Cultural Society). A variety show will also be

presented. For details call 264-4983; 562141.

Gala Dinner

MARCH 9: The Great Ormond Street Hospital Gala Dinner will be held at 8 pm. For details call: 4831339; 559-3151.

FLESSIK

FEB 10: 6 pm: The Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait, FLESSIK, will hold the 1989 Valentine's Ball at the Holiday Inn's Al Afrah Ballroom.

Kuwait Rondeles

FEB 16: The Kuwait Rondeles Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. For reservations contact: Tel: 5337597.

HOTELS

At the SAS
BISTRETTTO is the newest Italian restaurant in town, offering a selection of Italian cuisine in addition to international and local specialities.

The Peacock Room
The restaurant will feature Chinese meals, and the Al Boom features a different speciality every alternate day in addition to charcoal grill specialities.

At the Movenpick

THE restaurant will feature fondue bourguignonne; seafood platter and Filet de veau Chalaisse for the St Valentine's Day (Feb 14) celebration.

Curry promotion will continue until Feb 23.

At Messilah Beach

MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: Birthday Special; Fridays: special buffet "a go-go".

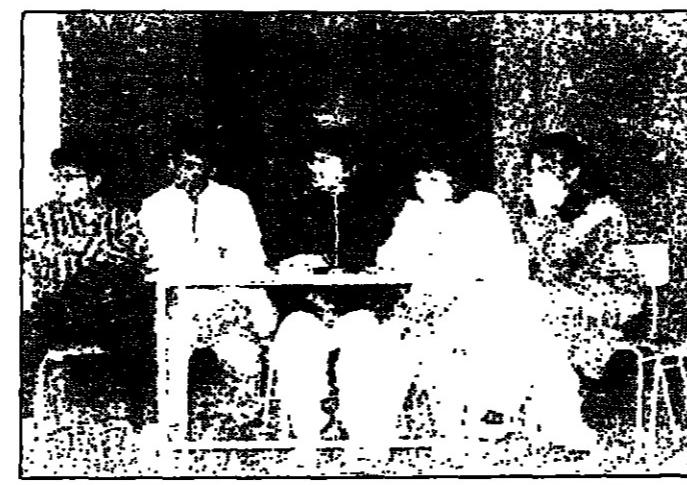
At the Holiday Inn

EVERY Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana.

Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic Eastern



The Bengali Cultural Society recently held an evening of entertainment for children to celebrate the Nehru Centenary. An on-the-spot painting competition and quiz and recitation contests were also held. A large number of children participated in the contests. The ladies held an "Ananda Mela" (bazaar). Pictures show: (above) some of the children taking part in the painting competition; (below) children who took part in the quiz contests.



Science exhibition

THE Class X students of the Indian School, Salma, recently held an exhibition of "science projects" prepared by them during the current academic year. The exhibition covered physics, chemistry and biology and dealt with such problems as recycling and purification of sewage water, functioning of nuclear reactors, mechanical sievers, nutritional disorders,

management of kidney stone disorder and other projects. The show was opened by Mathew Philip, honorary vice-chairman of the board of trustees. School Director J.A.S. Newton spoke on the importance of science studies. Picture below shows: Students explaining one of the projects to Newton (right) and Mathew Philip.

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Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; à la carte dinner.

At the Meridien

CREPE Festival at Al Waha restaurant, until Feb 28.

Every Sunday: Mexican Night at La Brasserie. A wide selection of Mexican dishes are offered; menu includes tacos, nachos, paella and refried beans; live entertainment.

Versailles: offers a new concept in dining, featuring a selection of grilled seafood, meat or fish fondu and other dishes, open for lunch and dinner. Businessman's lunch is also featured. Every Thursday is Jam Session at La Brasserie, featuring Remy D'Mello. Friday's, there is family fun with Oriental buffet and music.

At the Kuwait Plaza

Filipino night held every Sunday from 7 to 9.30 pm.

Al Dallah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch.

International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; ice-cream festival; light snacks served from 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Bosphorus Restaurant: Turkish cuisine, à la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday.

Marco Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music and at night candlelight dinner.

At the Pullman

ELYSEES restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal coffee shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

SPORTS

PBAK Non-pro bowling league

FEB 10 (Friday): This week's schedule: 8.30 am — San Juan

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran

9.10 Good Morning

9.15 Cartoon serial

9.45 World News via Satellite

10.00 Abna's Al Diyah: Arabic serial; Starring: Jamil Awadh, Juwel Awadh, Rubi Al Saifi, Iman Kamel.

10.50 News Summary/Good Morning

11.00 Al Daleel: local Arabic serial; starring Mohammad Al Manea, Ayesha Ibrahim

12.00 Studio Angham: variety show

1.00 News Summary

1.05 Holy Quran/closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran

4.15 World News via Satellite

4.45 Cartoon serial

5.15 Tum Tek and Children

5.45 Ibn Attiya: historical serial; starring Majed Afiaouni.

Shafiq Hassan, Marcel Marina.

7.00 News Summary

7.15 You and Your Health

7.50 Likuli Sawal wa Jawab: local programme

8.30 Good Evening

9.00 News in Arabic

9.50 Al Jawara: Arabic serial; starring Safa Abul Saud, Salah Saadani, Yusuf Shaban, Mohsina Tawfiq.

10.50 Min Al Afaf Ila Aliya: variety show, featuring Wadiya Safi.

12.30 News Summary

12.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Noveltoons: cartoon serial

6.30 Break Point: a new series about for young viewers.

7.00 Footsteps: "The Marble Hunter," David Drew retraces

the history of the Lycian ruins in Turkey.

8.00 News in English

8.40 A Year in the Life: starring Richard Kiley. A misunderstanding simmers during the visit of one of the girls.

9.40 The Hit Squad: "Catch it before catches you" is the theme of this practical jokes series.

10.10 Bustin' Loose: Mim's adopted family decide to give shelter to a homeless kid.

10.30 Jake and the Fatman: "Blues in the Night." Twin-trouble hits town amid a series of robberies. Starring: William Conrad and Joe E. Penny.

11.30 News Summary followed by Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 Newsdesk

0010 Megamix

0010 News Summary followed by Outlook

025 Financial News

030 W. B. Yeats: Readings from the Poems

045 Europe's World

0600 World News

09 British Press Review

15 Network UK

0800 World News

09 Words of Faith

15 Health Matters

30 Megamix

0900 World News

09 British Press Review

15 The World Today

30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup

0300 World News

09 News about Britain

15 The World Today

30 John Peel

0400 Newsdesk

30 The Learning World

45 New Ideas

55 Book Choice

0500 World News

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

CONSTANT togetherness is fine — but only for Siamese twins — Victoria Billings, US journalist-writer (1945—).

Hong Kong can't do without China

By Chris Peterson

HONG KONG (Reuters): Just when they didn't need it, Hong Kong's 5.6 million people have had a graphic demonstration of how dependent the tiny British colony is on the vast People's Republic of China.

A violent confrontation between several thousand protesting truckers and Chinese border police meant a temporary but significant hiccup in the steady stream of fresh food from southern China that keeps Hong Kong fed.

Barely hours after the confrontation last week, in which Chinese police fired warning shots to disperse the Hong Kong-based drivers, the price of vegetables in the colony's street markets rocketed by as much as 30 per cent.

Prices returned to normal as the border situation quietened down, but the lesson had been well-learnt yet again: any problems with supplies from China and Hong Kong is in trouble.

Stability

The incident came at a time when Hong Kong, London and Beijing authorities are urging stability in the colony ahead of 1997, when China regains sovereignty.

Hong Kong island was ceded to Britain in 1841 after the first opium war. This was followed by the tip of the Kowloon peninsula in 1860. A 99-year lease on the hinterland, known as the New Territories, was signed in 1893.

Hong Kong authorities have always been acutely aware of the colony's dependence on its neighbour despite its booming economy and the fact that it is home to one of the liveliest financial markets in Asia.

Described by British Foreign Secretary Lord Palmerston as "bare rock" when acquired in the 19th century, Hong Kong has had to depend on water supplies from China.

Now, its population running

Nothing new in Israel's 'new' peace plan

By G.G. Labelle

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, (AP): Israeli leaders, faced with a changed political equation in the wake of PLO chief Yasser Arafat's more moderate stance, have offered Palestinians "new" peace plans that were first considered — and rejected — more than 10 years ago.

Israel is dressing up such old ideas because it's facing several dilemmas:

- The Army seems incapable of ending the Palestinian "intifada," or uprising, in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and the government does not want to give in to the revolt's goal: an independent Palestinian state.

- The rebellion, along with Arafat's declaration that he recognises Israel and renounces terrorism, has attracted sympathy abroad and is distancing Israel from allies whose goodwill it needs. Foreign interest in Arafat's overtures is pressuring the Jewish state to come up with some sort of peace initiative.

- Short of independence, there seems to be little new in the way of peace plans that have not been raised already — and sunk — since Israel took control of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 1967 Six Day War in the Mideast.

Plan

The Rogers Plan of 1969, the Begin Plan of 1977, the Camp David accords of 1978, the Reagan Plan of 1982, the Shultz Plan of 1988 — all have been rejected by one side, the other, or both.

David Bar-Ilan, an Israeli political analyst, outlined what he described as Israel's "unenviable position" at a conference of political scientists and former government officials here last week.

"Unless (Israel) finds ways to quell the 'intifada' ... it will be reduced to choosing between two evils: maintaining the status quo and inviting political and diplomatic isolation, or withdrawing to the '67 (border) lines and allowing a Palestinian state to rise on the outskirts of the Tel Aviv and occupied Jerusalem," he said.

Against this background,

Harsh winter prevents launching of major assaults

Afghan guerrilla attacks held in freeze

By Kathy Gannon

WARDAK Province, Afghanistan, (AP): Bent against a wind that howls through snow-covered mountains, Muslim insurgents with feet clad only in stockings and sandals coax camel and mule supply convoys over rugged passes.

The mujahedeen, or "holy warriors," say the snow that clogs the winding trails will confine their military activities mainly to harassment of communist troops until the spring thaw.

The harsh weather prevents them from launching major assaults on Afghan cities vacated by the withdrawing Soviet Army, they say.

Winter has made frigid citadels of the imposing peaks harbouring the US and Pakistan-backed guerrillas during their 10-year war against the communists.

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they will concentrate on weakening government forces by harassing them and blocking their overload supply routes of food and fuel.

"God willing, we are near to freedom," Jabbar told a reporter who had accompanied a group of Afghan rebels into their mountain strongholds southwest of the communist-held capital of Kabul.

Seasoned

Jabbar, already a seasoned guerrilla with the hardline Yunis Khalis faction at the age of 24, traded his high school text books 10 years ago for a Soviet-made Kalashnikov assault rifle.

"But until the spring we can't do much," said Rahoney Wardak, who along with his two brothers commands several hundred mujahedeen in Afghanistan's central and southern provinces of Wardak and Ghazni.

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from Afghanistan between May 15, 1988, and Feb 15, 1989. Half were out by last August, and the final pullout reportedly is under way.

The Marxist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan seized power in a 1978 coup, sparking the Muslim insurrection.

Soviet soldiers marched in a year later to replace one pro-Moscow government with another, then remained to help it fight the burgeoning civil war.

Negotiations for the accord, signed by Afghanistan, neighbouring Pakistan, the Soviet Union and the United States, excluded the mujahedeen, who assert it was their own persistence that forced the Soviets to leave.

Morale

The guerrillas, some wearing Soviet-made fur hats and woolen uniform pants captured from stores of fallen government posts, said morale within their loose ranks is rising, while the morale among Kabul troops is at

arrebb.

"They are very nervous," Wardak said of the government soldiers. With the Soviets pulling out of the country, "they can't imagine what will happen to them."

The mujahedeen have promised amnesty to defecting troops and are convinced they will win the battle against government forces, despite assertions to the contrary by the communist government.

If the Soviets really leave, regime forces will fall down on their own," said Wardak. "If they (the Soviets) really take their hands off of Afghanistan, then the fighting can be finished in a short time."

In the eastern Afghan city of Ghazni, about 100 miles (170 kms) north of the Pakistan border, mujahedeen cells of 15 each have breached the government's security belt and now live inside the city limits.

About 2,000 government troops are posted in more than 130 positions in and around

Ghazni. Mujahedeen say half are from the ranks of Kabul's elite Tsarandoy police and half from the Khad State Security Police.

Ambush

Until the Soviets pulled out of the city of 100,000 last year, mujahedeen access was severely limited by Red Army troops who staked the perimeter ambushing guerrilla squads.

"When the Russians were in Ghazni, every day there was an ambush," said Abdul Raqib, a rebel commander within the city.

A handful of mujahedeen, one wearing a captured Soviet-issue tank helmet, recently moved within the Ghazni city limits to within several hundred feet (less than 200 metres) of its ancient Balahesar Fort, which seems impregnable from its perch overlooking the city.

"We don't expect to capture the fort, we just want to keep the government off guard," Raqib told the reporter.

Raqib said the only time the Kabul troops ventured out was when the fort was attacked, and

only then in tanks.

The rebels harassed troops in the bastion with 82-millimetre rockets.

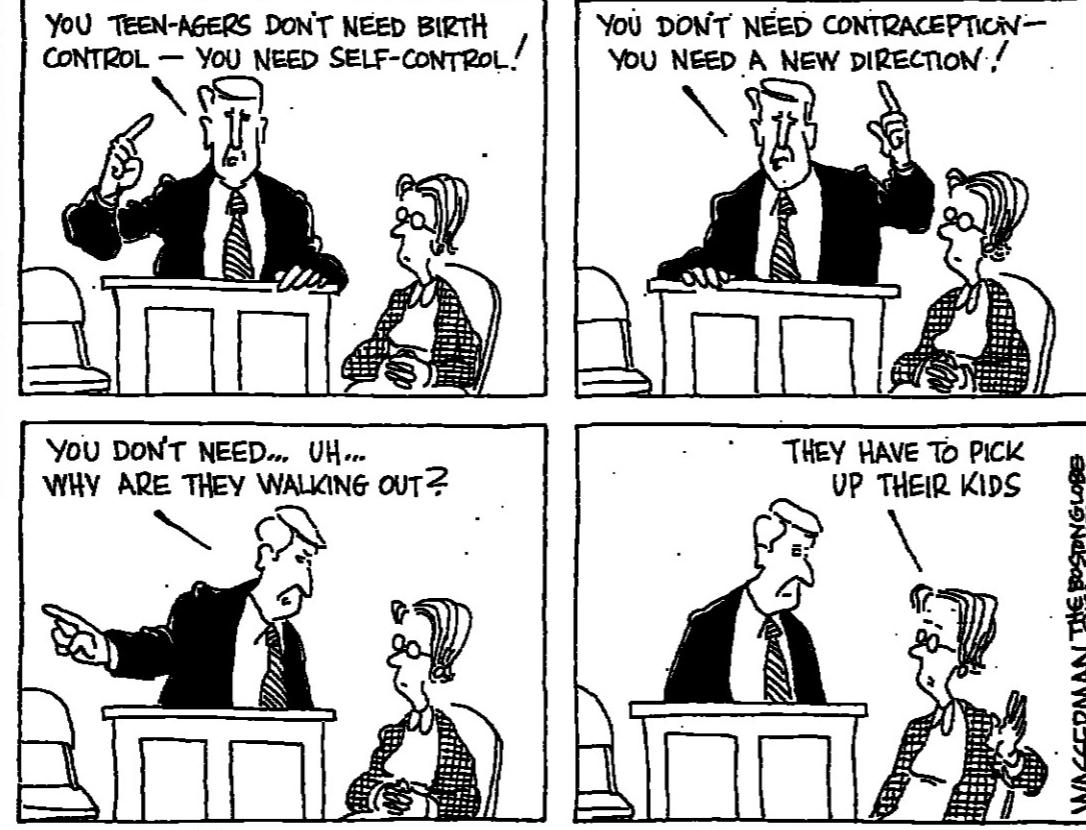
Within minutes a tank rolled out and indiscriminately blasted away in the direction of the mujahedeen fire.

Withdrawal

As the Red Army began its withdrawal, government posts in the countryside began falling to mujahedeen. The rebels now move freely from neighbouring Pakistan, where much of their weapons and ammunition originate.

Obscure villages like Lughai, Bandi Sadr and Ya Khiel are memorials to Soviet-Afghan dead and testimonials to mujahedeen tenacity.

Rusting Soviet-made tanks and military vehicles partially buried in snow outside Bandi Sadr. In Ya Khiel, mujahedeen with rocket-propelled grenade launchers slung over their shoulders climb over the remains of a Soviet-made helicopter.



Drug substitution programme making headway in Pakistan

By Edward Girardet

NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE, Pakistan: Facing the threat of increased heroin production across the border in Afghanistan, Pakistan is making a bid to eradicate the cultivation of opium-producing poppies.

Poppies substitution programmes, supported by the United States and other donor governments, have persuaded many Pakistani tribesmen to abandon the traditional but lucrative practice of producing opium, according to international aid and narcotics-control officials.

Since the early 1980s, they say, the introduction of new crops coupled with improved agricultural methods, new roads, irrigation systems, schools, and health facilities have cut back poppy-growing in certain districts of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province.

Less than four years ago, major opium-producing regions such as Swat, Malakand, and Gadoon-Amazai still boasted numerous fields of pink and white poppies. These have now been replaced — at least in the more accessible parts — by wheat, corn, and other crops.

"This only works if you can convince farmers that they can lead better lives by planting something else and by allowing the government to open up their territories to new or improved

infrastructure," one Western aid representative in Islamabad said. Nevertheless, resistance to poppy eradication programmes in the less docile parts of the Northwest Frontier, notably Dir or in the Khyber Pass, continues. At times, the Pakistani authorities have deployed both the Army and local militia against recalcitrant tribesmen. Yet security operations, ranging from the forcible uprooting of poppy plants to the bombardment of villages by artillery, have not always proved dissuasive, development officials say.

According to narcotics control officials, 50 percent of Pakistan's heroin production is located within 10 miles of the Afghan border. With the rise of government pressure against the Khyber and other traditional drug trafficking areas, however, local heroin production has moved to nearby frontier agencies, such as Mohmand and Bajaur.

Tribesmen have also begun setting up factories across the Afghan border. The more remote, mountainous, and independent tribal area, narcotics officials say, the more difficult it will be to introduce successful eradication programmes. "It is obvious that if Islamabad starts applying effective enforcement, the production of heroin will simply cross over into Afghanistan," one Western narcotics official said.

Once harvested, the sticky balls of black opium can earn a farmer between Rs800-1,000 a kilo, perhaps as much as Rs 30,000 (nearly \$2,000) overall — a substantial sum in these parts. Without offering a viable alternative, aid sources say, simply outlawing opium production is not a solution.

"Irrigation and roads are the most successful and appropriate form of development," says Mike McGovern, chief engineer with the US Agency for International Development (AID) in the Northwest Frontier. By the same token, headed villagers may no longer consider themselves bound by an agreement if the government fails in its promise.

While regions such as Gadoon-Amazai, with its narrow, terraced fields clinging to the slopes of steep hills, have emerged as models in government poppy eradication programmes, officials warn that crop substitution can only succeed in irrigated areas. For peasants living in poor, isolated villages with limited or no water resources, poppies can remain the only way to earn a decent living.

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As it is, poppy eradication programmes remain controversial issues. Wali Khan, a leading Pathan nationalist, recently called on tribesmen to continue growing poppies unless adequately compensated by the government.

"Ultimately, the only way you are going to control this racket is by educating people to stop using it and by cracking down on the big traffickers," said a representative of the US Drug Enforcement Agency.

To the satisfaction of Western donor governments, particularly the United States — Pakistan's largest aid contributor — the country's new Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, recently announced the establishment of a Narcotics Control Ministry.

The Christian Science Monitor

By Alice Crane

LOS ANGELES, (UPI): The coup that toppled President Alfredo Stroessner in Paraguay may make it easier to find hundreds of Nazi fugitives believed still living in the South American country, the head of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies said.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, who heads the centre that has led the hunt for World War II Nazi war criminals, said that while Stroessner was in power, the Paraguayan police and other authorities were unwilling to help in the search for Nazi fugitives.

"When democracy comes, Nazi war criminals will have to

consider it a very bad day for Paraguay," Hier said. "Probably some are making reservations by boat or plane to get out. Some may consider moving elsewhere."

The leader of Friday's coup, Gen. Andres Rodriguez, was sworn in as president on Friday and promised to return the country to democracy soon.

Hier said "it is safe to say that hundreds of Nazis" are still living in Paraguay, which along with Argentina freely welcomed fugitives from post-war Germany.

"We have a couple of names on our list there," he said. "But until we have evidence that they committed a crime, we can't really talk about it."

Hier said Stroessner had a fas-

cination with Hitler and his attachments" with Nazi elements.

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We have a couple of names on our list there," he said. "But until we have evidence that they committed a crime, we can't really talk about it."

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Other critics of Botha are more sanguine about his possible and departure. They note that Botha has largely failed in his bid to draw black leaders into a multi-racial dialogue that could give the country's 25 million black some power at the national level.

The end of the Botha era could break the impasse, they say. The moderate Business Day newspaper, a regular critic of Botha's government, commented: "President Botha's departure, however controversial, may well be the dawn of new hope."

The main question mark about his future concerns his health. Doctors say Botha is making a remarkable recovery from the Jan 18 stroke, but whether he can handle the full burdens of office again is debata-

ble.

Botha's supporters depict his resignation as party chief as an astute move to avoid the embarrassing party squabbling that has marked previous leadership transitions in South Africa.

By announcing suddenly his decision to resign, Botha forced the parliamentary caucus to choose a leader immediately.

It added that Botha may be clearing the decks for an early general election and wanted a new party leader to establish himself well in advance of what is likely to be a bruising campaign.

Botha's opponents to the right see his move as a symptom of disarray in the ranks of the National Party, which last year celebrated 40 years in power.

Andries Treurnicht, head of the Conservative Party which is mounting a growing challenge to the Nationalists, pointed to the close vote that resulted in De Klerk's victory.

"The narrow margin was understandable in view of the turmoil in the National Party," said Treurnicht, who himself was once a cabinet minister under Botha.

Treurnicht, noting that Botha has shed many of his responsibilities since his stroke, sees the president leaving active politics soon.

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There is life after Dynasty: Linda Evans

By William Langley

HAVING tenderly dispatched Krystle Carrington to a better world than Beverly Hills, Linda Evans believes her own life is just beginning.

Speaking publicly for the first time since leaving *Dynasty*, 46-year-old Evans said: "I feel reborn. I have been wrapped up in the show for so long I can barely remember life without it."

Relaxed and radiant, she sat in a Paris hotel room as winter sunbeams lit up her famous blonde hair. Krystle may be under sentence of death, but Evans, on her first real holiday since the original *Dynasty* script landed in her lap, has never looked better.

Over the next few months, legions of hankie-wringing fans will follow Krystle's losing battle against an incurable illness. But one person who won't be shedding any tears is Linda herself.

"*Dynasty* has been like a home and family to me," she said. "But there comes a time when everybody has to leave home. Now I want to kiss Krystle goodbye and start being Linda again."

Rich, beautiful and famous, she admits her life still lacks one thing — the right man. Her two marriages, first to Hollywood producer John Derek, then to real-estate tycoon Stan Herman, collapsed. And although she has been voted "The Most Loved Woman on TV" in America, she says she has never found the real thing.

"People think that because I'm an actress and I'm attractive, life is very easy for me," she said. "It's not."

"One of the things I want to tell people, particularly women, is that celebrity or not, we all have the same problems." In her hounds-tooth couture suit and scarlet blouse, she still looks every inch the elegant, too-good-to-be-true



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Krystle. And, she says: "Krystle really was just like me. We both built our hopes and dreams around men we loved. We both wanted children, and searched for ideals that weren't easy to find."

Now she intends to spend six months relaxing. "I want to learn to ski, cook all the recipes I've saved, make friends, again. It will also be a relief, she says pointedly, "not being asked how I get on with Joan Collins".

Her plans include working on ecological campaigns with her friend Jane Fonda. "So much of the world is under threat," she said. "We all have a duty to fight back."

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1989 fashion recalls the French Revolution of 1789

Paris designers as inventive as ever

By Patrick Olivier

MEN'S ready-to-wear fashions in 1989 recall the Revolution. This is rarely surprising and fashion-designers should take off their hats to the men of 1789.

First of all, there is, of course, the strong return of the aristocratic frilled shirt, shirts with *troupe-follet* waistcoats (to stay cooler in summer) (by "Comme des Garçons"), spotted ties which can be folded like an accordion with the help of pleats, shirts with pointed collars for day-wear and stand-up collars for evening-wear, white for traditionalists and black for those in the swim, worn with a small muslin or silk scarf tied around the neck (by Mugler).

With the aristocratic fashions, dinner-jackets are in with the general trend going to the dressed-up look in formal wear. Dinner jackets go from black ones

revealing glimpses of the back (Rocelli Testu), to white admiral-type dinner-jackets (Lucien Fontenel) and include skirted dinner-jackets which tie like a wrap (Kenzo). Ties are definitely out. Dinner-jackets are worn over white polo-shirts or silk T-shirts (Dupont), as are the strict double-breasted suits by Dior.

Popular

The popular side of the Revolution is revealed by the "sans culottes," or rather the arrival of shorts which will be the star items of men's clothing next summer with shorts suits (Daniel Hechter), comfortable jersey shorts with bomber jackets (Tarazzi) or loose white shorts worn over pilots' shirts (Hermes).

The Revolution remains the theme with Saint-Laurent. He makes full use of the revolutionary rosette and the three colours. Shirts are thus blue, white and red and there are rosette bro-

ches to wear on lapels. There are also astonishing silk waistcoats embroidered with "fleurs de France" daisies, cornflowers and poppies, representing the revolutionary colours.

The Revolution also recalls the Ancient Regime and so coats of arms are back in vogue. They will be really in, next summer. Kenzo has designed a royal crown. Cerruti has an emblem. Hermes (a capital H) Hechter (CHYC) and Castelbajac (JCC and a crown), everyone is jumping on the bandwagon with emblems and pseudo-coats of arms. If you actually have a real coat of arms of your own, now is the time to have it embroidered on a crew-neck t-shirt worn under your suit.

Kenzo brings a touch of exoticism to menswear in this year, with t-shirts covered in hydrangeas and pirate pants. Romanticism comes from Lagerfeld with loosely tied bows and straw hats.

Hats are also back with Lanvin who has opted for Spanish style with Andalouian frills and hats.

Fashion also means fun and laughter. It means serious work, but also the art of not taking oneself seriously. An art illustrated by Jean-Paul Gaultier, the unruly hero of ready-to-wear fashions. His fashion-show at the Olympia auditorium was full to bursting, like for an opening night, for his parody of the Western with all the possible deliriousness on the theme of cowboys and Indians, the goodies and the baddies, with hints of Tarzan and Michael Jackson.

Whether it be for men's or women's fashions, Paris designers are as inventive as ever. Last year, their creations were particularly successful. Dressed by them, men were as beautiful "as trucks" to take up an expression very much in vogue in France at the moment.

Homing pigeons: an art, science and sport

By Camille Herisson

PIGEON-FANCIERS are going through a hard time: homing-pigeons are losing their famous sense of direction. The violent solar eruption of last spring has perturbed the surrounding magnetic field by bombarding it with electric waves. And, as a result, the pigeons' "compass" has gone out of order, so they are taking much longer to return to their nests. They take erratic routes, lose their way and become exhausted trying to find the right direction.

The organisers of competitions hope that the atmospheric perturbations will have subsided in time for the next pigeon Olympics (the big annual event) to be held in Poland.

Pigeon-fancying began the day Noah, in his ark, released a dove which came back to him carrying a twig in its beak. Since then, all the peoples in the world have used the birds' marvellous faculty for returning home, sometimes covering hundreds of kilometres at a speed of 80-100 kilometres per hour.

In the reign of King Solomon, they carried orders throughout the empire. Released from ships sailing towards harbours, they announced the return of the sailors.

Those at Olympia revealed the winners at games, to the Greeks. In Rome, they brought news from distant provinces. The Egyptians used them for the post and the Crusaders popularised their use when they returned from the Holy Land. They had seen the Muslims use them and when a pigeon fell into his hands, Godefroy de Bouillon learned his enemy's secret and won a victory.

Since biblical times, the marvellous faculty of pigeons for returning home has been used worldwide, but atmospheric changes and technology seem to have upset the birds' compass attracting fewer enthusiasts than in the past.



A pigeon-fancier attaches a message to the bird.

Tain Raynal. It was poisoned by gas and arrived, dying, at the dove-cote." In Lille, a war memorial was built for combatant carrier-pigeons.

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In the age of the jet and the TGV (French high-speed train), pigeons prove that they can still be very effective in certain cases. Thus, on the Ile d'Yeu, an island in the Atlantic, pigeons are used

for carrying mini test-tubes of samples, tied under them, to medical analysis laboratories on the mainland.

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Many pigeon-fanciers come from a modest background, but certain wealthy ones maintain big dovecotes with veterinarian menders and valets. And in competitions, big bets are laid on winged Carl Lewis and Ben Johnsons.

Intelligent

The homing-pigeon, which is intelligent, energetic and tough, has a prodigious memory. After being away for several years, it is still able to recognise its home. But its famous sense of direction remains partly a mystery. Many hypotheses have been put forward. Are the eyes responsible for these feats? (A blindfolded pigeon panics and falls to the ground). Or is it guided by magnetism alone? (Particles of magnetite, which acts as magnets, have been found in the pigeon's brain). Does it find its direction by the sun in the day and the stars at night? Today, it seems to have been established that the racing-pigeon uses all these means, plus a few others. It appears to have a more developed navigation system than modern-day aircraft. A marvel of nature!

To "motivate" a pigeon to return home, different methods are used. Either "natural play," or "modern play" or "widowhood," methods which carry the bird's attachment to his nest, his brood and his female, to paroxysm. It is a painstaking work requiring patience, observation and psychology.

In the case of "widowhood," the bird is separated from its mate by a grafting, so that they can see each other and desire one another. From time to time the two lovers are united and allowed to kiss, but no further. Then they are separated once more. After a week of this regime, the highly excited suitor is ready for the trip. He will exert himself to the utmost to return to his mate whom he desires passionately. According to its physical qualities, it will be placed in a race for speed (up to 200 kilometres), middle-distance (450 kilometres), long-distance (700 kilometres) or a marathon (up to 1,200 kilometres).

But, although the tradition of pigeon-fancying is still alive and well, it is far from being what it used to be. In the past, there were many dovecotes around the big cities. Today they are falling beneath the demolition men's bulldozers. And then, the sky is cluttered with aircraft, electric cables and air-radar which also upset the pigeons' sense of direction. Gradually, pigeon-fanciers are becoming less numerous. And that is a pity.

McCartney dampens hopes on Beatles' revival

By Leslie Shepherd

LONDON, (AP): The Beatles will never be revived because it would be too difficult to replace the late John Lennon, ex-Beatle Paul McCartney said.

"It would be too difficult," McCartney said during a live phone-in radio programme on the British Broadcasting Corp.'s Russian service.

"George (Harrison), Ringo (Starr) and me could play together and stuff, but to find a replacement for John is impossible really because there is no one like him. It's impossible really."

Lennon was slain in New York in December 1980.

McCartney fielded calls for 55 minutes from all parts of the Soviet Union, and played recordings of several of his hits, including a new album produced exclusively for distribution in the Soviet Union.

After the strains of Back In The USSR had faded, the 46-year-old singer said it was about time he went to the Soviet Union to perform one of the Beatles' most popular hits.

The Beatles were not permitted to perform in the Soviet Union when Beatlemania swept the West in the 1960s, but their records were smuggled in and



Paul McCartney: his well-publicised quarrels with Lennon were sparked by business differences

became popular among young people.

"Other people go to Russia and they sing Back In The USSR," McCartney told 12-year-old Andrei Borkovsky from Frunze in the central Soviet Union. "I think it's about time I went and sang it."

McCartney said there were no

firm plans to make the trip because he is putting together a new band that will need time to rehearse and learn new songs.

Barred

"I am hoping to go out on tour this year," he said. "If that transpires, then I'd love to come to Russia. It's something I've wanted to do for a long time."

As far as music and stuff, we always got on great. As far as anything personal, we always were great friends," McCartney said.

He said his family — his wife Linda and their four children — was the most important thing in his life, and he attributed the success of his 20-year marriage to luck and common interests, including music and vegetarianism.

By Juliet Towhidi

LETCHMORE Heath, England, (Reuter): When ex-Beatle George Harrison donated an English country manor to the Hare Krishna sect 16 years ago it seemed the perfect setting for a spiritual refuge.

Orange and white-clad devotees moved in, changed the dining room into a temple and filled the oak-panelled corridors with the perfume of incense and the sound of low chanting.

The 100-year-old manor is now said to be one of the most popular Hindu temples in Europe — but it has also become the centre of a struggle between the sect which is fighting to save the temple and local residents who say the traditional life of their English village is threatened.

The residents are furious at the numbers who flock through the village on weekends and Hindu festival days, and the local council is trying to close the temple down.

The council says Bhaktivedanta manor, set in 17 acres (seven hectares) of lush parkland on the fringes of Letchmore Heath village in southeast England, can be used as a training centre for 50 priests, but not as a place of public worship.

The Hare Krishnas, a sect of Hinduism who worship the god Krishna, have won many Western converts since the 1960s. They say their temples are open to all Hindus.

The temple is among the most popular in Europe, no Hindu would like it to be abolished, whether they worship Krishna.

On a typical Sunday Hindu families visit the manor to worship at the intricately decorated shrine.

"People move here because it is a delightful, tranquil place to live," said Maureen Bartlett, press officer for the village trust, which represents the villagers in the dispute.

One of the most popular Hindu temples in Europe has become the centre of a struggle between sect members and local residents, who say the traditional English life of their village is threatened.

shina or not," said Madhoor Krishnamurti, executive director of the Institute of Indian Culture.

Tansukh Shingadia, secretary for the National Council of Hindu Temples, backed this view. "People come to the manor out of their own free will, to worship and receive instruction. We cannot tell the sun not to come out," he said.

The Krishnas who live at the manor, a mixture of Asians and Europeans, have fought hard to save their temple, focusing a worldwide publicity campaign on the quiet village and its 300 inhabitants.

Petitions

Some 1,000 petitions have already been sent to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Martin Fleming, president of the manor, thinks the high-profile campaign is vital.

"We're providing a much-needed service for a minority religion. Basically we're being persecuted because we're too popular."

Letchmore Heath is in a carefully preserved rural fringe around London known as the "Green belt" where building is restricted and house prices among the highest in the country.

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Ward, a Roman Catholic

given the name Arjuna Das in recognition of his help to the sect, says he will see the matter through to the European court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

"We all feel this is highly unsuitable location for a place of public worship."

Relations were amicable enough until 1984, when three followers of the sect bought properties in the village and two Hindu women took over the village shop.

"We felt like a village under siege," Bartlett said. "It was the beginning of the takeover. Suddenly the village shop had a gaudy green sign up outside saying Krishna's. People coming here thought it was a Krishna village."

The sect says villagers were terrified that house prices would plummet if Hindus moved into the area.

In 1987 an enforcement notice was issued to close the temple, leading to a public enquiry last December. If the ruling, to be decided by environment secretary Nicholas Ridley, goes against the Krishnas they could lose their temple.

"The Hindu community would erupt in anger," said Frank Ward, a local councillor who has adopted the Krishna's cause.

In March 1988 Ward toured India for three weeks to gather support for the campaign, ending his visit at a Hindu conference in Kathmandu where a petition signed by 1,200 delegates from 40 countries was sent to the British government asking it to save the temple.

Ward, a Roman Catholic given the name Arjuna Das in recognition of his help to the sect, says he will see the matter through to the European court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALIAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: A neighbour, living in the same building as we do, has been diagnosed as having cirrhosis. Many of his friends and acquaintances who spent a great deal of time in his company feel that they should be doing something to protect themselves against this disease. Would you explain the causes of cirrhosis and what means of protection are available?

ANSWER: The liver is the largest organ in our body, averaging about 3 1/2 pounds, as big as a large melon. It is literally a chemical factory, responsible for manufacturing hundreds of enzymes necessary for our body functions, and detoxifying many poisons and drugs that enter the blood stream, including alcohol.

The term "cirrhosis" is used when changes occur in the structure of the liver, as the result of any one of a number of chronic diseases. Normal tissue is destroyed and replaced by scar tissue, which diminishes the ability of the organ to function properly, impeding the circulation of the blood through the liver, and reducing its detoxifying powers.

Cirrhosis is a common disease, ranking

fourth as a cause of death among American adults. Its cause is most varied, from a reaction to prolonged exposure to environmental toxins to parasitic infections. The most common cause is chronic alcoholism; it is the one that comes first to mind when diagnosing this disease in a patient.

This is the cause in your neighbour but you have no need for anxiety. However, several types of viral infections may cause hepatitis, resulting in the cirrhotic condition. Since this process takes some time, and your friend has already developed cirrhosis, it is doubtful that you have anything to fear.

You're probably thinking of the gamma globulin injections that are given to protect close relatives of a hepatitis victim from the disease, but only individuals in intimate contact with the patient need such protection. I would advise an inquiry to your friend's physician, to obtain the information you need to calm your fears.

DIAGNOSIS MAY NOT BE CAUSE FOR CONCERN

mon problem. All of a sudden the daily walk to the store is strange; nothing looks familiar. The Alzheimer's victim is lost, and people who might help are unaware of the patient's illness and confusion.

When a wandering episode led to the death of Charles Iannuzzi of Lowell, Mass., in January 1987, his wife and Dr Susan Black, a family physician and president of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians, developed the Alzheimer's Identification Patch, which can identify the afflicted patient. You may obtain an information packet that describes the patch in detail, as well as two other booklets "Caregiving at Home" and "When the Diagnosis Is Alzheimer's," and an information sheet that explains the patch's development.

All in all it's a pretty impressive offering, and it's yours without charge. Send your request, along with a stamped, self-addressed business envelope to Greater Lowell Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 9028, Lowell, Mass. 01853. You may save a loved one's life.</

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Egypt to have more talks with IMF on economic reforms

CAIRO, Feb 6. (Reuters): Egypt will hold another round of talks next month with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on an economic reform programme, Prime Minister Sedki Said today.

Negotiations with a joint team from the IMF and the World Bank ended on Friday without the agreement needed by Egypt to allow rescheduling of about \$4 billion of debt due between last July and next December.

The Middle East News Agency quoted Sedki as saying the talks were "positive". He gave no details but said another joint delegation from the IMF and World Bank was expected in March.

Debt

Egypt, burdened by a \$43-billion foreign debt, differs with the IMF on the pace of suggested reforms such as price hikes and an end to state subsidies on basic supplies. It fears they might lead to social troubles.

The IMF also wants Cairo to raise domestic interest rates to increase savings. Egyptian officials have said they are considering a small increase of about two per cent. The maximum interest rate on deposits is currently 13 per cent.

Mexico rebuffs \$3.5b US loan

MEXICO CITY, Feb 6. (AP): Mexico will not activate a \$3.5 billion short-term loan the United States offered in October, the Treasury Department said in an announcement that signalled growing tension between the two neighbours.

The terse statement from the Treasury Department said Mexico doesn't need the loan because international reserves in the Bank of Mexico stopped declining in December.

The statement gave no details. But published reports have said the loan, the largest the United States ever offered to a debt-burdened nation, had become a sore point between the United States and Mexico.

The United States nevertheless pushed the paperwork through, the reports said, and Mexico never reached the agreement with the International Monetary Fund that the United States had set as a condition for the money. Mexico would have repaid the \$3.5 billion with IMF money.

Negotiations

When the loan was announced in October, Mexican officials indicated an unwillingness to undertake negotiations with the IMF. The IMF often insists on domestic financial austerity measures that are politically unpopular.

The loan was aimed at helping Mexico avoid economic and political turmoil during the sensitive months between the July 6 presidential election and the Dec 1 inauguration of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Pepsi-Cola signs ad pact with Madonna

PEPSI-COLA company announced it has signed a worldwide sponsorship and advertising agreement with Madonna, one of the world's most dynamic and multifaceted entertainers. The company said a major ad campaign with the performer will break globally next month.

The one-year deal calls for the singer/actress to appear in a series of Pepsi-Cola commercials, including a long-form ad in which the title song from her upcoming album "Like a Prayer," will be heard for the first time. That spot will debut in early March through an unprecedented world-wide prime-time media buy.

Concert

Pepsi also announced it will sponsor Madonna's world concert tour, scheduled to kick off later this year. Details of the tour will be announced later.

"From the United States to Europe to the Far East, Madonna is instantly recognised and has tremendous consumer appeal," said Roger Enrico, president and chief executive officer of Pepsi Co Worldwide Beverages. "Once again, we're centring our global marketing campaign on the international language of music by uniting a world-class entertainer with Pepsi."

Pepsi pioneered the use of music as a global marketing tool. Prior to Madonna, whose recordings have sold over 75 million copies world-wide, the company has featured such world-renowned entertainers as Jackson, Tina Turner, David Bowie, Lionel Richie, Miami Sound Machine and others in major campaigns.

Non-OPEC urged to co-operate with OPEC

Iran ships oil to Europe to boost sales

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Feb 6. (Agencies): Iran last month shipped an estimated 930,000 barrels of oil a day to Western Europe in a fleet of tankers in a major sales drive to secure badly needed revenues, the Middle East Economic Survey reported today.

The respected oil industry newsletter, published in Nicosia, said that an estimated 28.75 million barrels were loaded at the big Kharg island terminal in the northern Gulf Jan 1-26.

Earnings

Much of oil was still at sea aboard 17 supertankers chartered or owned by the state-owned National Iranian Oil Co. and "has not yet been sold," the weekly said.

The Iranians badly need to maximize their oil earnings to help pay for their massive post-war reconstruction programme on the 20 August ceasefire in the Gulf war with Iraq.

The weekly noted that the exports included some 300,000 barrels a day sent abroad to be refined and returned for domestic consumption.

Survey said the Iranians were offering discounts to European customers, including Shell and other major companies, in hopes of undercutting other producers.

The weekly said the NIOC has been offering its light oil at 65-70 cents below the benchmark of around \$16.50 a barrel for North Sea Brent and its heavy oil for \$11.15-20 below the Brent price.

But the survey noted that so far the Iranians have not been able to secure any agreement with European buyers.

Iran began shipping "homeless crude" to sell to anyone who would buy it in November 1987, while its oil installations and tankers were under constant attack by Iraq's Air Force.

The survey said that Iran exported an average of 2.1-2.2 million barrels a day through Kharg in January. The terminal, heavily bombed during the war, has been largely repaired since the ceasefire.

The weekly noted that the exports included some 300,000 barrels a day sent abroad to be refined and returned for domestic consumption.

Iran's refineries were also severely damaged in Iraqi air raids, forcing it to ship crude abroad for refining.

Higher

The Petroleum Intelligence Weekly reported yesterday that Iran was producing an estimated 2.7 million barrels a day, slightly higher than the new Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries quota of 2.64 million barrels a day that took effect on Jan 1.

It noted that Iran was one of five OPEC members who were violating the quota system by overproducing. OPEC's overall quota is 18.5 million barrels a day.

The Petroleum Intelligence Weekly noted that overall OPEC output last month was 19.7 million barrels daily, with the United Arab Emirates the main offender by producing a more than 500,000 barrels a day more than its 988,000-barrel ceiling.

Iran's overproduction, it said, "could have important ramifications" because some OPEC circles had expected Iranian output to be 2.5 million barrels a day

"thereby offsetting the impact of UAE excesses."

In another development Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi has asked non-OPEC oil producing countries to co-operate with OPEC in order to stabilise the world oil market.

Referring to Norway's current production and its earlier pledge to reduce output by 7.5 per cent, the minister urged the Scandinavian state to reconsider its stance and put an effective halt to its increasing production, which he added was 43 per cent higher than in 1988.

In an interview published in Kuwait yesterday by the daily Al Sayasa, Al Chalabi praised OPEC's November agreement which fixed overall production at 18.5 million BPD.

Speaking about Iraq's oil export outlets, the minister noted that under the new plan these would comprise three main routes: two to three million BPD through Iraqi ports on the Gulf, 1.65 million BPD via the trans-Saudi pipeline to the Saudi Red Sea port of Yanbu and 1.60

million BPD via pipeline through Turkey.

He said Iraq's total oil export capacity ranged between five and six million BPD, adding that the completion of the second stage of the Iraqi pipeline through Saudi Arabia would be on schedule in September this year.

He confirmed that the Iraqi pipeline to Syria had been finally excluded from Iraq's calculations and programmes.

Asked if Iraq would be pumping more to finance its post-war reconstruction, the minister said Iraq had tried to maximize financial returns from non-oil exports rather than through an increase in the volume of crude exports.

Prices

He underlined the need to stabilise the world oil market and secure reasonable prices for both oil producers and oil consumers.

Al Chalabi said that Iraq's proven crude reserves stood at 100 billion barrels at the end of 1987, adding that they had been boosted by recent discoveries such as the southern Majnoon oilfield, estimated to contain seven billion barrels.

World Business Summary

Oil summit will restore OPEC unity: Venezuela

CARACAS, Feb 6. (Reuters): Venezuelan Energy Minister Celestino Armas said a proposed summit meeting of the 13 OPEC heads of state would give them a chance to fashion an international oil strategy through the turn of the century. "This summit is fundamental to return to OPEC in a definitive way its solidarity, coherence and discipline, besides determining its international energy strategy from now until the year 2000," Armas, quoted by the official news agency Venepec, said yesterday. The idea for an OPEC summit has been advocated by new Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez, who attended the only previous OPEC summit meeting held in 1975 in Algiers. Perez, Armas, OPEC Secretary-General Subroto and the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Ecuador met on Tuesday in Caracas to discuss preliminary preparations for a summit among other subjects.

Since OPEC met in November and agreed to a new 18.5 million barrel per day (BPD) production ceiling, oil prices had risen by as much as \$5 a barrel. However, prices have retraced some of their gains due to stubbornly high world oil inventories and an expected seasonal decline in petroleum demand during the second quarter, according to industry analysts. Venezuela depends on oil for more than 80 per cent of its export earnings. The nation saw its oil revenues nearly halved during the 1980s, dropping to \$3.4 billion in 1988.

Armas, a geologist and long-time member of Venezuela's OPEC delegation, also promised to maintain the autonomy of Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA), which was established during his first term as president. The minister gave reassurances that the new Perez administration would retain top managers at PDVSA to ensure that the company continues to operate efficiently. Perez said prior to his election that he would change the leadership of the state-controlled company.

Hawke's India visit to boost bilateral economic relations

SYDNEY, Feb 6: Bilateral trade and economic issues are likely to dominate the talks to be held between Rajiv Gandhi and the Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, when the Australian leader arrives in New Delhi on Feb 9 on his first official visit to India. Accompanied by a number of important representatives of the Australian business community, Hawke will visit South Korea, Thailand and Pakistan before he lands in New Delhi, according to the Economic Times.

Talking to a small group of visiting Indian journalists, the Australian prime minister said he was visiting India to renew the warm personal relationship with Rajiv and to advance the bilateral relationship between the two countries in the economic sphere and other areas including scientific and cultural exchange.

Changes

In addition, said Hawke, he will also use this opportunity to discuss with the Indian prime minister the rather rapid changes in the region and at the global level and to share his own assessments with Rajiv of the pace and impact of those changes.

Admitting that the expectations of rapid growth in bilateral trade aroused by Rajiv's visit to Australia had not fully materialised.

Co-operation

While as the prime minister he had to maximise the opportunities for Australian business enterprises through trade and co-operation, Hawke said: "We will do everything we can to open up opportunities for Indian exports to Australia."

At the same time, Hawke hoped that the Indian government and business will realise that in the last few years Australia had developed significant capabilities in areas which were crucial to India's next stage of development.

In the areas of telecom, mining engineering, power generation and all kinds of infrastructure development in general, Hawke claimed that Australia had the capacity as good as any other country and, particularly, in agro-industry, it had a unique

capability to meet India's needs. Hawke hoped that the Indian prime minister will join him in telling their respective peoples that the two countries had the needs and capabilities that complement each other and that his visit will be utilised to "accelerate the economic relationship."

When asked to outline specific measures that his government would take to promote Indian exports in his country, Hawke stated that they will make available to India all the facilities and expertise available with government departments and organisations under the umbrella of Australia — the Australian agency that promotes trade.

Hawke offered all the facilities that can help identify areas of Australian imports which offer opportunities to Indian producers and processors and then assist.

While refusing to divulge the details, Hawke admitted that an Australian-Dutch consortium had made a bid for a \$2 billion contract for constructing a new Indian naval base at Goa. The bid will be backed by a financial support package that is as competitive as any country can offer, said Hawke. The Australian Prime Minister stated that he would discuss the contract with Rajiv. Hawke was confident that the consortium will bag the contract.

Projects

In winter, trucks trundle across frozen rivers dividing

Sino-Soviet trade ties seen booming

BEIJING, Feb 6. (Reuters): Trade and economic ties between China and the Soviet Union will boom after their first summit meeting in 30 years, newspapers and trade sources said.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze was in Beijing on Wednesday to prepare for a visit to China by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, widely expected by May.

The Economic Information Daily said yesterday the Soviet Far East's trade would double and diversify in the next 10 years, with China, Japan and North Korea, as the main markets.

Projects

Future Soviet projects would include joint ventures and technical co-operation, such as two hydro-electric power stations in Heilongjiang, China's most northerly province, that will supply energy to both China and the Soviet Union.

The newspaper predicted that by the year 2000 the Soviet Far East would more than double current oil output, mine 80 per cent more coal and produce more timber and finished goods.

China already imports Soviet pulp, fertiliser, iron, steel and vehicles and in exchange exports meat, fruit, corn, soybeans, textiles and consumer products.

In winter, trucks trundle

North China and the Soviet Union while in Western China work is underway on a desert rail link.

Fierce clashes erupted along the China-Soviet border in the 1960s but now people can cross over and visit some of the frontier towns on one-day guided tours.

Latest customs figures show China's trade with the Soviet Union in the first three quarters of 1988 at \$2 billion, at least 23 per cent more than a year earlier.

The China Daily reported that the rapprochement between the two countries had "created the necessary environment" for improved trade and economic ties.

"It is politics, not economics that has held back trade and business ties," one East European source said. "After the summit, they will boom."

He said the two economies were complementary, with the Soviet Union able to provide oil, gas, coal, timber and help in building railways and power stations in exchange for consumer goods, food and labour.

Trade with the Soviet Union, as with other communist countries, is done on a barter basis, not hard currency.

The Soviet Union was China's top economic partner in the first decade after the communist state was set up in 1949.

SABIC's profits surge

King Fahd opens new factories in Saudi industrial cities

JUBAIL, Feb 6. (OPECNA): King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia inaugurated last week new factories and expansion facilities in the twin industrial cities of Jubail and Yanbu.

The Saudi leader said he was pleased to note the industrial expansion made in terms of quantity and quality since his last visit to the region two years ago.

King Fahd also expressed the hope that Saudi industrial product exports to various parts of the world would increase.

King Fahd added that "fortunately, we managed to achieve self-sufficiency in agricultural products and started to export the surplus as well," adding that the kingdom had also become self-sufficient in many products whose import used to be worth billions of dollars. In fact, some of these items were now being exported by the country.

Brisk economy helps S. Koreans earn more

Pyongyang's official media reported today.

The Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, said the agreement came when Chung met with Choe Su Gil, director of North Korea's Taesong Bank and consultant to the Korean Association for the Promotion of Asian Trade.

The agency added that Chung left Pyongyang by plane today after a 10-day visit.

Consumer prices in the same period rose 7.1 per cent from a year earlier, it said.

Board officials said wage increases stemming from labour disputes coupled with the nation's brisk economic activity brought the gain in income.

Meanwhile, South Korean business tycoon Chung Joo-Young has reached agreement with North Korea to join in developing a North Korean tourist resort and undertaking projects in the Soviet Union. The agency gave few details on

petrochemicals, which are used as feedstocks for a growing number of local industries and for export.

SABIC fertilizers have contributed to the kingdom's bid for agricultural self-sufficiency and are export-oriented, while its steel production has been a vital factor in the development of the Saudi infrastructure.

SABIC companies include the Saudi Methanol Company (Al-Razi), the National Methanol Company (Ibn Sina), the Saudi Petrochemical Company (Sada), the Jubail Petrochemical Company (Kemya), the Yanbu Petrochemical Company (Yanpet), the Arabian Petrochemical Company (Petrokema), the Eastern Petrochemical Company (Sharc), the National Industrial Gases Company (Gas), the National Plastics Company (Ibn Petrolub).

Far East, and North Korea agreed.

The agency said Mount Kumgang is near Chung's hometown, on the east coast, which he had left more than 50 years ago.

Chung and Choe reached an agreement in principle on jointly developing North Korea's Mount Kumgang area "into a world-renowned tourist spot" and "adopted a kind of protocol about the way of securing funds for joint development," subject to approval by authorities of each side, it said.

Projects

North Korea adopted a joint venture law in 1984, but so far has failed to lure any significant foreign investment.

The agency said Chung, who already had consulted with the Soviet Union, also proposed joint North-South Korean participation in development projects in Siberia and the Soviet

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

International Bond Prices

London: Iran has notified its policy on the possible use of foreign loans in its drive to reconstruct the country following its war with Iraq. Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati was quoted as saying, (XAN 1539). London: Eurotime is issuing a 20 million yen Eurobond due April 18, 1995 paying five pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said, (DCDX 1003). London: SFR Mortgage Notes Number 1 P/LC is issuing a 150 million sterling mortgage backed Eurobond formally due March 20, 21, 1995. London: Banque Nationale de Paris is issuing a 100 million Eurobond due March 9, 1996 paying 10-1/8 pct and priced at 102 pct, lead manager Morgan Stanley International Corp said, (DCDX 1052). London: Ford Canada Ltd is issuing a 125 million Canadian dollar Eurobond due March 7, 1995 paying 10-7/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Goldman Sachs International Corp said, (DCDX 1058). Tokyo: Japanese investors are expected to bid actively at the quarterly refunding of the US Treasury this week, bond managers told Reuters, (Economic Spotlight CSF-Y).

Brussels: Proposals to harmonise taxes on investment income throughout the European Economic Community are due to be published Wednesday but Britain and Luxembourg fear their financial centres could suffer, (ANXO 1425). London: The Bank of Nova Scotia, Grand Cayman Islands branch, is issuing a 50 million New Zealand dollar Eurobond due March 22, 1992 paying 13-1/2 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager RBC, Richwhite Ltd said, (DCDX 1027).

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS	
LDN 13-1/8 12-7/8	13-12-15/16	12-15/16 13/16	
FFT 5.80/90	5.50/60	6.05/15	
PAR 8-3/8 1/2	8-1/16 13/16	8-15/16 9-1/16	
ZUR 4-7/8 5-1/8	5-1/2 5-3/4	5-5/8 5-7/8	
BRX 3.55	7-1/2 5/8	7-13/16 15/16	
ROM 11-1/2 12	12-1/4 12-3/4	12-1/4 12-5/4	
AMS 6.43/56	6.50/60	6.55/65	
TOK 3.29/32 31/32	4.8/32 10/32	4.17/32 19/32	
ECU 7.87 8.12	8.18 8.31	8.37 8.50	

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	7-5/8	8-1/16
3 months	7-13/16	8-3/16
6 months	7-7/8	8-5/16
1 year	7-15/16	8-3/8

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDA	75.50	76	80.50	NICO	597.50	590	610	
GNFC	44	44	44	25	MUKUND	87	86	88			
ASIA PAINT	213.25	215	215	215	NOCLL	790	810	800			
BAJAJ AUTO	401.75	407.50	406.25	406	OKRAY	24	22	22.50			
BAR.RAYON	315				PEICO	22	22.50	23			
BON.DYING	119	121	121	121	HINDCOCA	108	110	113.75	PRE-AUTO	44-47.75	
BR. BOND	117				HINDROT	27.50	27.25	27.50	RAYMOND	70.50	70
BSE-INDEX	650.64	665.48			IND.ORG.	41	41	41	RELIANCE	138.50	150.50
CENTURYSPIG	1430	1450	1501	1501	INDRAYON	84	84.50	90	SIEMENS	82	82
COLGATE	326.25	330.25	330	330	INDROL	287.50	285	290	SPIC	42	42
DEKAFERT	37.50	35	35	35	ITC	50.50	51	52	STOMHILL	235	235
EI.HOTEL	56	55	57.50	57.50	JCSYNT	86	85.50	87	TATA PWR	117	137.50
ESSAYEF	136.25	138.75	138.75	L AND T	116.50	117	117	TATACHEM	1217	119	117.50
ESSAR	22.50	22.25	22.50	MAHINDRA	86	88	90	TELCO	570	755	770
GAR. POLY	82.50	82.50	81.25	MASTERSHR	15.25	15.25	15.50	TISCO	752.50	1227	1245
GE.SHIP	37.15	37.50	37.75	MATHER PL	58	57	62.50	VOLTAS	575	560	570

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1500	1490
AEG	195.5	195.0	AIJINMOTO	2970	2960	MITSUB EST
ALLIANZ VR	1861.0	1853.0	AKAI ELEC	715	726	MITSUB HVY
BADENWERK	175.0	179.0	AOKI	1270	1190	MITSUI CO
BASF	297.5	298.0	ASAHI GLS	1970	1990	MITSUKOSHI
BAYER AG	306.0	302.7	ASAHI OPT	770	770	MITSUMI EL
BAYER HYP	57.0	57.20	BANK TOKYO	1700	1700	MITSUMI SRV
BAYER VER	384.0	380.0	BRIDGESTON	1420	1440	MITSUB CHNT
BBC	385.0	377.5	CANON	1510	1510	MITSUB SEC
BFIF	440.0	430.0	CASIO COMP	1440	1450	MIP ELEC
BIF	517.0	513.5	CHUGAI PHM	1550	1570	MIP KOKAN
CONNERZBK	247.0	245.5	CITIZEN W	993	965	MIP OIL
CONTI GUMM	264.8	264.0	D-ICHI KAM	3600	3560	MIP STEEL
DAIHER BEN	679.0	676.0	DAI NIP IK	872	869	MIP YUSEN
DEUTSC BNK	532.5	527.5	DAI NIP PT	2510	2510	MIS MOTOR
DIV	498.0	492.0	DAI NIP SC	1020	1030	MOMURA SEC
DRESDNER B	302.5	295.5	DAI NIP TO	948	937	ORBA CO
DT BABDOCK	171.0	167.0	DAICEL	920	920	OLYMPUS
FAZ INDEX	560.20	558.90	DAIMA N	2100	2110	PENTA OCN
FEDERATION OF DSCHAF	325.50	324.00	DAIMLER	990	980	RENOV
HARPENER	418.50	397.00	DAIKIN SEC	950	950	RICOH
HOECHST AG	308.8	302.5	DAIKIN SEC	2100	2100	RICOH JR
HOESCH	235.0	236.0	DUKIN	1510	1510	RENOV
HORTEN	235.0	234.5	FUJITSU	3580	3590	SANYKO
HUNSER HLD	465.0	460.0	FUJI BANK	3480	3500	SEIYU ST
KALI SALZ	197.0	197.0	FUJI PHOTO	1850	1840	SEKISUI PB
KARSTADT	444.9	440.5	FUJIITA CP	1250	1100	SHARP
KAUFHOF	433.0	428.5	HONDA MOT	2100	2100	SHISEIDO
KLOECK H	178.5	174.0	ISETAN	2440	2480	SONY
KLECK H	163.5	164.0	ITO YOKADO	4440	4440	TAISEI
LHMDE	786.0	780.0	JAP SYN RU	1200	1210	TAISHO MRN
LUFTHANSA	173.0	170.0	JAPAN AIR	17400	17400	TAKEDA CH
NAN	269.5	255.5	JAPAN NET	836	820	TEIJIN
NANNESMAN	225.0	214.5	KAJIMA	2100	2080	TKO NEW IX
NECERDES	557.0	552.0	KANSAS EL	5540	5580	TOKIO HNR
NETALLGES	406.0	395.0	KAO SOAP	1760	1750	TOKIO ELEC
NIXDORF PF	342.5	340.0	KAWASAKI H	922	940	TOKYO GAS
NOKR HLD	38.0	38.50	KAWASAKI S	961	980	TOKYO POWR
PHILIP KOM	680.0	674.8	KIRIN BREW	1940	1940	TORAY IND
PORSCHE	724.5	717.0	KOHATSU	1190	1170	TOSHIBA EL
PREUSSAG	250.0	251.0	KUBATO LTD	980	989	TOTO
PWA	281.7	284.0	KYOCERA	5030	5060	TOYO KOGY
RHEINMETAL	434.0	427.0	MAKITA EL	1620	1620	TOYOTA MOT
RWE	252.0	245.2	MARU	3080	3060	YAMAHA
RWE P	229.2	226.5	MATSUTA EI	2490	2480	YAMAUCHI
SAALAMANDER	355.0	355.0	0	2660	2660	YANANOUCHI
SCHIERING	641.0	630.0	NEIJI-SEIKI	963	985	YANAZAKI
SEL	282.0	275.2				
STEMENS	529.0	524.5				
TRYSEN	215.5	214.0				
VARTA	360.0	350.0				
VEBA	283.2	279.7				
VEV	170.0	170.2				
VOLKSWAGEN	327.5	321.0				

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Gold prices drop

Banks in new bid to arrest dollar rally

LONDON, Feb 6. (Reuters): The US Canadian and West European central banks sold dollars today in concerted open market intervention to stop a speculative rally by the US currency.

Speculators were eager to snap up dollars on a bet that US interest rates would stay high to cool in an inflationary boom in the US economy, offering a lucrative return on dollar assets.

But finance ministers of the Group of Seven nations, who met in Washington last week, had apparently renewed instructions to their central banks to intervene against the dollar.

A strong dollar pushes up import bills, and therefore inflation, outside the United States.

Fear of the banks made dollar buyers wary today, and with good reason.

The dollar was actually below the day's highs, trading just around 1.8825, when the banks decided to hit the market.

Dipped

It then dipped to trade just under 1.88 marks then began to creep up again.

The US Federal Reserve and Bank of Canada were joined by the West German, French, Swiss, British, Italian, Spanish and Belgian central banks. Some dealers

said the Dutch also sold.

The action was the seventh concerted round of bank dollar sales this year. The dollar is up more than five per cent since the end of December.

Economists had expected the market and the banks to clash again as the market probes for what the G-7 — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — now think is a safe ceiling for the dollar.

Talks

Noting that no communiqué followed Friday's G-7 talks in Washington, Stephen Lewis, chief economist at London brokerage Philips and Drew, said:

"Markets will conclude that a period of dollar strength will be tolerated by the G-7. They will probably be wrong. A major clash is shaping up around the 1.90 mark level."

Gold remained weak at \$387.90 an ounce in the London bullion market. Crude oil was a touch firmer with North Sea Brent crude, a world market, quoted around \$16 a barrel.

The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond traded in London at 101-22/32 per cent yielding 8.34 per cent.

But Australian shares fell amid investor concern about new

economic figures, interest rates and soft metal prices. The All-Ordinaries index was 10.6 points down at 1501.4. Hong Kong was closed for Lunar New Year.

Shares in Paris were mixed but a shortage of stock helped Frankfurt to a 1.4 per cent gain.

Share prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange jumped to a new record close today in spite of a steady US dollar, which stayed just below the 150 yen level.

Brokers said last-minute buying of financial and construction shares pushed up the 255-share Nikkei index by 142.97 points, or 0.45 per cent, to a new record closing high of 31,828.75. Volume was a moderate 1.3 billion shares.

"At the moment we want to forget about the yen/dollar rate," said Toranobu Sugai, a broker at Shearson Lehman Hutton Asia Inc.

Higher

The dollar in Tokyo opened higher for a brief rally but settled down to a close of 129.70 yen and 1.8800/05 West German marks against 129.25/35 yen and 1.8785/95 marks at Friday's New York close.

"Trading was slow as growing fears of possible concerted intervention following Friday's G-7 meeting dominated the

market here," one Japanese bank dealer said.

The absence of overseas speculators in the Lunar New Year holiday period also contributed to market sluggishness, dealers said.

Lower

In London shares were tracking Wall Street lower in fairly sluggish afternoon business, having drifted for much of the afternoon as profit-takers thinned out some of the gains made in the recent strong rally, dealers said.

An upward revision in UK December retail sales to 0.3 per cent gain from the 0.1 per cent fall reported earlier unsettled a market that had been showing signs of nervousness about the possibility of higher interest rates across the Atlantic.

By 1557 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was down 25.1 points to its low point on the day of 2,044.8.

Firmer

Dealers said the firmer dollar helped exporters' shares rise early today. However, the shares fell back as the London market softened in tandem with a declining Wall Street. The dollar has been rising on expectations US interest rates will rise.

Export revenue drops

Soviet oil output may be stagnating

LONDON, Feb 6. (Reuters): Oil output by the Soviet Union, the world's largest producer, has risen in recent years but the trend may be ending, Western analysts say.

Oil and gas are the main Soviet hard currency earners.

After falling below 12 million barrels daily in the mid-1980s, from above 12.3 million earlier in the decade, output reached a record 12.6 million during parts of 1987 and 1988.

But total output in 1988 was about the same as in 1987, official Soviet figures show.

Stagnation

"The question now is, is stagnation in the Soviet oil industry setting in again?" said Jonathan Stern, Soviet energy analyst at the Rointernational Affairs (RIIA).

In the second half of last year, output fell to less than 12.5 million barrels daily, the first half-year fall in three years, Soviet energy developments, published by analysts Petroleum Economics Ltd (PEL), said.

This was mainly caused by low output in August and September when only 12.34 million barrels daily were produced, said David Wilson, Soviet energy specialist at England's Leeds University.

There were production problems at major fields in Tyumen, western Siberia. A drought led to water shortages, causing problems with fields that require water injection to maintain reservoir pressure and oil unproductive.

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output, Wilson said.

A general recovery was seen in late 1988, but production was below expectations, Wilson said.

Freeze

He said the weather was mild in much of the region late last year and the winter freeze set in late. Sub-zero temperatures are vital as many roads are unpaved — without solid ground, truck shipments of oil field equipment were held up.

In the last three months of 1988, output partially recovered to 12.45 million barrels daily, Wilson said. But at 624.4 million tonnes (or an average 12.57 million barrels daily), total 1988 output was only 200,000 tonnes more than in 1987.

Jonathan Stern at the RIJA said the Soviet Union would be well advised to reduce spending on crude oil and direct investment to gas and to energy efficiency in its economy.

Export

Some Soviet officials also apparently believe investment might be better spent elsewhere.

Leonid Abalkin, director of the Moscow Economics Institute, said last month that oil output should be stabilised. Huge sums had to be spent just to maintain output while price fluctuations made export income unpredictable.

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Output

A massive effort will be needed with no delay in bringing new fields on stream and no shortages of pipe or other equipment. This is particularly true for the Noyabsk region, where most of the western Siberian increase will come from and for the Varyegansk region where the biggest difficulties have been experienced, Wilson said.

Although the giant Tengiz field in Kazakhstan will start up this year, the whole of Kazakhstan is unlikely to exceed 27 million tonnes after 1988's 25 million. Output in the rest of the Soviet Union is likely to fall some nine million tonnes.

Strategy

Incomplete figures given by Tadeusz Teodorowicz of the Soviet Ministry of External Economic Relations last month showed the overall Soviet foreign trade surplus approximately halved in 1988 to about four billion roubles (\$6.5 billion).

Official strategy is still to increase oil exports to the West in 1989 to offset price falls last year,

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GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Tender No. MEW/22/4/88/S/89 Concerned Party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Tender No. RE/188 Concerned party: Ministry of Public Works

Requirements: Construction of roads, storm sewers & other services for researches, forms & syllabus centre & education aids centre at Shuaikah

Relevant fee: KD 50/- Initial Guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value

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N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held on Saturday, 11.2.1989 at 10 am in Water Establishments Operation & Maintenance Dept. — Water Control Centre Shuaikah to acquaint with the nature of works & answer the queries.

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LONDON

Dear Junior Readers,

February seems to be the month when we catch most colds, or get all the infectious diseases. So be sure to wear nice warm clothes before leaving your house and eat proper meals. Remember "Better safe than sorry".

Always take special care when going out early in the morning as this is when you are most prone to getting infected.

If you begin to feel exhausted or hot or your throat starts tickling be sure to tell your parents or the school nurse straight away.

If you are unlucky and have to stay in bed due to an infection, this week JUNIOR TIMES suggests simple things to do which you may not yet have thought of: Shadowgraph shows, pin people and mirror writing.

Of course you do not have to be ill to do them, but it is a good change from reading or colouring or listening to the radio.

I do hope you are all strong enough to fight off any illnesses which may be coming your way.

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Poems by you!

MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

My first day at school was very nice.
When I saw in my classroom little mice.
The teacher saw me and began to approach,
While from my partners bag came out a big cockroach.
The teacher began to shout,
And she told the cockroach to march out.
The cockroach began to go,
While the teacher was standing with a broom near the door.

By Vitorina Colaco
VIID
Carmel School

My Baby Brother

My baby brother lies all day,
Laughing to see the leaves at play.
Their waving their little hands, he crows
'I'll wave mine too and waggle my toes.'

My little brother loves to spy,
The clouds that hurry across the sky.
'Take me too' he says, but they scurry
along their windy way.

My baby brother chuckles and crawls,
Plays with his fingers and plays with his toes.
Then all of a sudden do come and peep. By Karishma Bajaj,
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Happy birthday

Islam Sheikha Mohammed Jos
celebrates her second birthday
today. Warm wishes from
mummy, daddy and all
relatives.



Cross - doll

ONCE upon a time, there was a house by a river. It was large and tall, with a great many rooms: the River House, people called it. But that was long ago, and nowadays the house was divided into flats — it was too big for just one family.

Sometimes on rainy days, the children who lived in the garden flat would run upstairs to see a friend. Mrs Mulroy — Nanny Mulroy they called her — was ninety-five, and didn't get out of bed much these days, especially in winter.

"Tell us a story, Nanny, please," they'd say. "About when you were young... Please?"

"When I was young?" she'd say, folding her sewing, and laying it neatly in the basket. "Such a long time ago? What can I tell you about... ?" Then she would begin.

When I was young, I lived here, as you know, to help with a big family of children. Ten of them there were, and they had a nursery; and in the nursery there was a doll. He lived with the other toys in a dark green cupboard over by the window. The cupboard, which smelt of boot

polish, was divided by three shelves. Most of the dolls sat on the top shelf. They all had proper names. But this doll sat on the bottom shelf with the bricks and the babies' toys. He had no name, you see; or not a real name. He is called Cross-doll, because he had such a cross face.

Poor Cross-doll. Nobody ever wanted to play with him. He either sat in the cupboard all day, or he got kicked around on the nursery floor, like a football. Once, the dog got hold of him, and that did not improve his appearance. His hair, which had once been red and curly, was now dirty and very thin. His clothes were torn, his shoes were lost, and his face? His poor cross face. One of his button eyes was loose, and his nose which was only embroidered on had come undone. All these things not only made him look cross, they made him feel cross as well. And the more cross he felt, the more cross he looked, if you see what I mean.

The other toys got taken out and played with time and time again. But not Cross-doll. He sat at the bottom of the cupboard, looking more and more sorry for himself as time went on.



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One day the children who lived in the house in those days, had a party. The nursery wasn't big enough to hold all their guests, so it was decided to use one of the big rooms downstairs.

Cross-doll listened to the other toys talking about it after the cupboard had been shut up for the night.

"They have cleared all the furniture out in the big ballroom and they are going to have it there," said a fat brown bear just above his head.

"I know all about it, I saw them polishing the floor when I went down with Jennifer this afternoon." This was the Fairy Doll speaking. She was very new and pretty, having only been in the toy cupboard since Christmas. Cross-doll hated her. The Teddy Bear squinted down at Cross-doll through the slats of the shelf.

"I suppose they will take some of the better-quality

toys down with them on the day," he said, puffing out his chest. Naturally he meant himself by this.

"The newer ones you mean," the Fairy Doll replied. "What fun it will be. Do you think they will have games?" A green knitted Rabbit interrupted her.

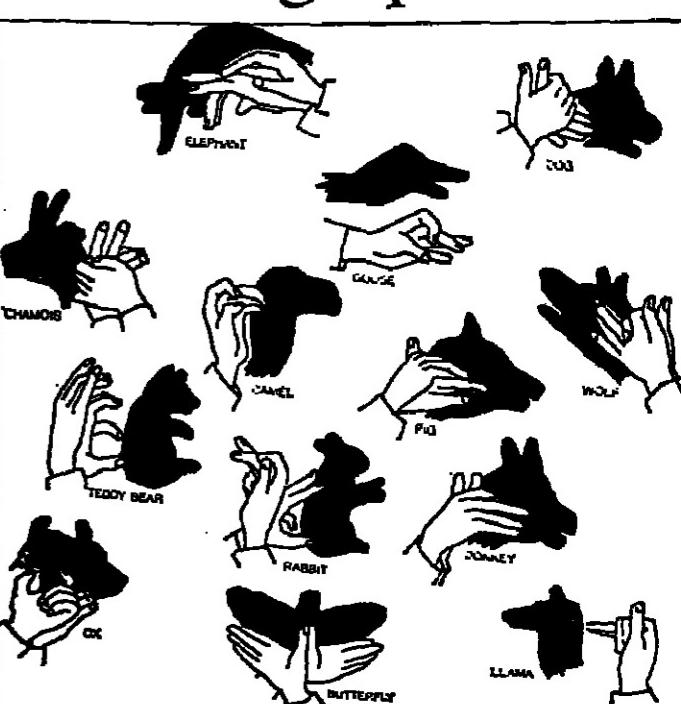
"Last year they had a Punch and Judy show. Funny looking creatures they were. We saw them after it was over. They've got arms and heads but no legs!" All the dolls laughed. The Fairy Doll leaned over the edge of the shelf and looked at Cross-doll huddled up amongst the bricks.

"Almost as funny as having no nose," she said in her tinkly voice. The toys laughed again.

"You're a stuck-up ninny," Cross-doll shouted. "I wouldn't be you for all the gold in China!" But really he was very envious of the pretty Fairy Doll, as the toys well knew.

(To be continued)

Shadowgraph shows



Here's an interesting kind of play you can do on a rainy day — it's particularly good if the weather is gloomy because the room is not too light and your shadows show up well. We saw them after it was over. They've got arms and heads but no legs!" All the dolls laughed. The Fairy Doll leaned over the edge of the shelf and looked at Cross-doll huddled up amongst the bricks.

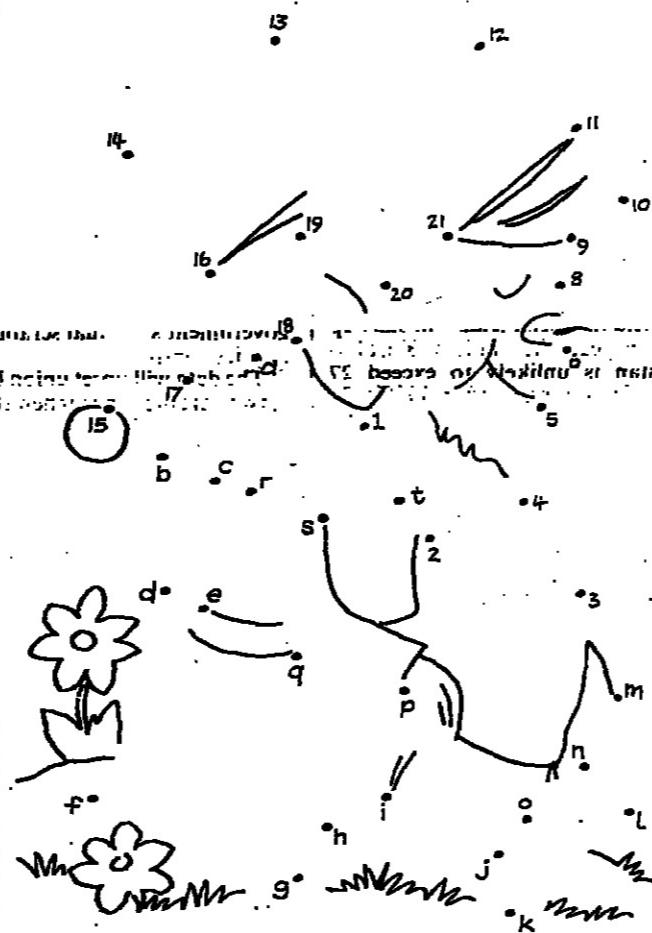
You'll need to rig up a theatre for your shadow show. The easiest way to do this is to stretch a sheet across the room as tightly as you can as a screen, then fix a light behind it. This can be either a powerful torch, or better still, a reading lamp put in such a way that it will 'throw' the shapes that you make on to the screen so that your audience can see them, but not you.

Another way of making a shadow show is to have your screen on a table, and have cardboard characters mounted on flat pieces of battenning so they stand on the table of their own accord. Remember always that your characters, whether they're made with your hands or cut from card-board, must have the light directly behind them and be turned completely sideways to the screen; otherwise their shapes may become distorted and your audience will not recognize what they are.

To make the simplest kind of animal, put out your hand and turn it sideways in front of you as if you were pointing the way. Stick your thumb up in the air to make an ear, bend up your first finger so that there is a hole

Join the dots

Resting.



Pin people



YOU will need a paper and pencil. Practise drawing these funny little men, and see how many little actions you can make them do.

Ha! Ha!

This plate's dirty.

The thumb mark's mine but the egg-stain's from yesterday.

There's a fly in my alphabet soup!

I expect he's learning to read.

There's a fly in my soup!
The little rascals don't care what they eat, do they?

There's a fly in soup!

Yes, the chef used to be a tailor.

What has a name but doesn't exist?

Nothing.



IF you have got more than two or three matchboxes, buttons, old tin cans or holiday souvenirs, you are well on the way to being a collector.

This weekly corner will offer ideas of how to make a worthwhile collection of what interests you.

Greeting cards

SINCE Victorian times, people have enjoyed sending each other birthday and Christmas cards, and

special Valentine cards. If you like to keep your own special cards each year, you may find you already have quite a collection, and you might enjoy looking for early ones. See if your parents or other older members of the family have treasured their cards and will let you have them. They can be mounted in postcard albums, or in scrapbooks, or arranged and catalogued in shoeboxes. Don't stick them down on paper, because if you start to get special ones you might want to swap them, or even sell them.

A few cards are very plain with only words of greeting on them, but most are either pretty or funny. People have particularly liked sending each other pictures of flowers or animals, and cards in Victorian and Edwardian days were often decorated with cut-out lace edges or pretty scraps. Many cards were elaborately folded or had cut-out designs, and children's cards were made like paper toys. Children used to like particularly pictures of animals dressed up, and of funny policemen.

Valentine cards were very elaborate, with a lot of paper lace, silver paper and hand-painted designs. Often you can find them in their own pretty envelopes. This kind of elaborate design was also used for mourning cards which are not sent out now, but used to be given to close friends and family when people died. Some are just plain white cards with black edges, but others are elaborately printed in silver and purple, or have cut-out paper designs, and they have their own special envelopes too. You may find some in drawers or boxes at home, but they are quite often tucked into boxes of postcards in junkshops or bookshops.

If you want to write a message, all he will have to do is to read it easily is to hold it up to a mirror. Before you can write backwards clearly you will need practice, and being in bed gives you a good chance to work at it.

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Word search

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Y	P	I	H	S	P	O	O	R	T

Clue: An arm of the Navy (7 letters)

Mirror writing

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SPORTS**JOYNER-KERSEE BREAKS US RECORD**

Aouita runs 6th fastest 5,000m

FAIRFAX, Virginia, Feb 6. (Reuters): Morocco's Said Aouita showed his talents are not limited to outdoor racing as he charged to the sixth fastest 5,000 metres ever run indoors yesterday at the Fairfax Invitational Athletics Meeting.

Aouita, the world outdoor record holder at 1,500, 2,000 and 5,000 metres was timed in 13 minutes 25.56 seconds to win by more than 100 metres in only his third race indoors.

Shattered

Jackie Joyner-Kersee, the Olympic champion in the women's long jump and heptathlon, shattered her US record in the 60 metres hurdles with a time of 7.81 seconds—the 10th fastest performance ever in the event despite crashing into the final hurdle.

Aouita, who made his US indoor debut with a 3,000 metres victory on Friday night in New York, was impressive despite an inability to hear the runners' times for each lap. In a near-solo race over the last 2,000 metres, he made a strong run at Tanzanian Suleiman Nyambui's indoor



Aouita on his way to victory in the 5,000 metres. (Reuters wirephoto)

record of 13:20.4.

"I believe I could have broken the world record but I was alone over the last laps," said the slender Aouita, who was cheered on

the unbanked 200-metre track and had a chance at the record until he ran 2:43.2 for the fourth km.

"If I had heard the pace (the time for each lap) I would have controlled better the race and would have broken the world record," said Aouita, who defeated American Doug Padilla by more than 19 seconds and finished 21 seconds ahead of Canadian Graeme Fell.

In other events yesterday, American Arthur Blake handed two-time Olympic hurdles champion Roger Kingdom another defeat in the 60 metres hurdles, with a time of 7.54 seconds.

Ireland's Marcus O'Sullivan won the men's smile in 58.06 and US Olympian Antonio McKay won the 400 metres in 46.35 seconds.

Olympic champions Louise Ritter and Paula Ivan also were winners. Ritter, an American, cleared 1.97 metres to win the women's high jump and Romanian Ivan's Ivan, the Olympic women's 1,500 metres champion, overtook teammate Doina Melinte to win the women's 800 metres in a slow 2:02.14.

US wrap up 5-0 win over Paraguay

Swedes shine without top players

LONDON, Feb 6. (Reuters): Sweden's sheer depth of tennis talent carried the former champions through the opening round of the Davis Cup this weekend even without the services of Grand Slam giants Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg.

The bad news that Austria must face, when the euphoria of routing 26-times winners Australia 5-0 has subsided, is that Wilander and Edberg, sidelined by injury this weekend, intend to be fit and well to join the Swedish second round attack in Vienna in April.

But for now at least, Austria's Thomas Muster, Horst Skoff and Alexander Antonitsch can just sit back and enjoy the knowledge that they have proved themselves on their debut in the world group.

Muster, who beat former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash 6-2 6-0 in the final singles, was amazed at the ease with which the Australian succumbed yesterday as the red-clay court is Vienna's forte.

"It's not the way a professional should play," Muster said. "Perhaps Cash is not one of the best clay court players but he

should have played better than that."

Cash also lost his opening singles on Friday and Saturday's doubles when partnering John Fitzgerald.

Australia, who beat Sweden in the 1986 final, had not lost a Davis Cup first round tie since 1928 so Jonte Sjogren's Swedish side will treat the Austrians with respect.

"It will be a tough match but if our players are in form they should win," said the coach who took over after Sweden's embarrassing home defeat by West Germany in last December's final.

Despite the 4-1 scoreline the Swedes had a tough time against Italy in Malmö this weekend.

Mikael Perfers, ranked 19th in the world and French Open runner-up in 1986, stumbled against Omar Camporesi who was unexpectedly called on to play singles when Italian captain Adriano Pisante dropped off from Paolo Cane and Diego Neri.

But Perfers redeemed himself in heroic style, battling on despite a painful attack of cramp in both legs, to beat Mas-

similiano Narducci 6-3 6-4 6-3 (7-2) 6-3 and give the Swedes an unbeatable 3-1 lead.

The range of talent in the Swedish team, unmatched by any other nation, also meant Sjogren was able to rest Jonas Svensson after his tiring five-set victory over Narducci on Friday and play Jan Gunnarsson alongside Anders Jarryd in the doubles instead.

The US will now play France, who beat Israel 4-1 in Tel Aviv.

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Connors ready for end of career

BOSTON, Feb 6. (UPI): Jimmy Connors, preparing for his 18th year as a professional athlete, is also ready for the end of his tennis career.

"Athletes can be very one-track about life, picking up a newspaper, reading only the sports page and letting the rest go," said Connors, 36, who has completed his conversion from tennis' bad boy to its old man and crowd favourite.

"You hope the education from the travel and the sport would spill over into other parts of your life, if you are willing to broaden your horizons."

"Every athlete's career is going to come to an end at some time or another. That's no secret."

"I entered in the remaining

majors (the French Open, Wim-

beldon, US Open). I'll start the

year playing at Memphis (Feb

13-19) and if my interest is still

up, I'll play in all three majors."

The winner of eight Grand Slam singles titles and 106 tournaments, Connors is still ranked in the top 10, but is recovering from foot surgery to remove bone spurs and bone chips. He has not played a tournament for 3 1/2 months.

"It's the longest I've ever been off the tour," he said by telephone. "But getting away and staying away was enjoyable. I went 10 weeks without picking up a racket, even to hit with my kids or hit against a board."

Involved

In January, he played two exhibitions in Canada against Ivan Lendl and tomorrow he meets Tim Mayotte at Boston Garden. Sponsored by Northwest Orient Airlines, the event will raise money for the Youth Tennis Foundation.

Connors, involved in several off-court businesses, says his interests reflect his age.

"The kids coming onto the tour now are so young they wouldn't know what a 'Wall Street Journal' is," said Connors,

whose business image was

enhanced by his commercials for an investment firm.

"Your interests change as you get older and they are a lot different at 35 or 40 than when you're a teenager."

"When I was growing up, I didn't pay much attention to education because I was in such a hurry to get out and start playing tennis. I've learned about business so I wouldn't be stymied if there were no more tennis."

Connors says most of the tennis pros around his age are still working in some aspect of the sport.

Porsche wins Daytona 24-hour sportscar race

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb 6. (UPI): Veteran endurance ace Derek Bell teamed with Bob Wollek and John Andretti to hold off the challenge of Jaguar and Nissan and return the Porsche 962 to the winner's circle yesterday at the Daytona 24-hour sportscar race.

Bell, 47, who has won the Daytona race three times and the Le Mans race five times, helped Porsche exact a measure of revenge on Jaguar, which won at Daytona and Le Mans in 1988. Before last year, Porsche had won 14 straight 24-hour races, and the German automaker has now won 12 of the last 13 Daytona endurance races.

Closest

The Castrol Jaguar team of Price Cobb, John Nielsen, Andy Wallace and Ian Lammers finished second, 86.5 seconds behind the winners, marking the closest finish in race history.

Walter Brun, Hans Stuck, Oscar Larrauri, and Doc Bundy finished third, 17 laps behind the winners.

Klaus Ludwig, Sarel van der Merwe and James Weaver finished fourth in a Porsche 962. Yoshimi Katayama, Takashi Yorino and Elliott Forbest-Robinson finished fifth in a

Mazda 767B making its American debut.

Pete Halkner, Bob Earl and Paul Stewart finished sixth in a Jack Roush-prepared Mercury Cougar XR-7, and first in the GT class. Sixty-eight cars started the race, and there were 26 cars running at the finish.

The winners completed 621 laps and covered 2,210.76 miles on the 3.56-mile road course at Daytona International Speedway.

The winner in Camel Lights was Tom Hessert, Charles Morgan and John Morrison in a Buick Targa, and the GTU class winner was Al Bacon, Bob Reed and Kod Milen in a Mazda RX-7.

The race was stopped for nearly four hours early yesterday because of fog, the third time in the history of the event the red flag has come out. The delay slowed the race's average speed to 92.009 mph, the slowest pace

Joyner-Kersee, 2 and a half hours after easily winning her qualifying heat, broke first from the blocks and never trailed. She defeated Kim McKenzie by three-tenths of a second.

"I felt I got out well," Joyner-Kersee said. "I accelerated through the first four (hurdles), but got anxious at number five. It was very encouraging to know I run 7.81."

Kingdom, coming off a third-place finish behind Jack Pierce and Renaldo Nehemiah on Friday at the Millrose Games in New York, ran second to Blake in a qualifying heat and the final.

Trouble

Pierce was third yesterday and Toni Campbell, the bronze medalist in the 110-metre hurdles at Seoul, ran fourth.

Defending champion and American record holder Diane Dixon had little trouble winning the women's 400 metres in 52.69.

Seven Seoul Olympians competed in the women's 60 metres won by Gwen Torrance in 7.21. Canadian Angela Bailey (7.31) ran second and three-time Olympic gold medalist Evelyn Ashford (7.37) third.

Walliser retains downhill crown



Walliser celebrates her victory by raising her skis. (Reuters wirephoto)

VAIL, Colorado, Feb 5. (Reuters): Maria Walliser of Switzerland conquered freezing temperatures and annihilated her rivals to retain her downhill crown in the Alpine Skiing World Championships yesterday.

Walliser hurtled down the 2,591-metre Vail International slope in pursuit of the pace-setting time of Canadian Karen Percy and carved a vast 1.50 seconds from a mark which had begun to look good for gold.

Scooped

The superb run on a day when temperatures dipped to minus 20 centigrade made Walliser the first woman to retain the World Championship downhill crown since Austrian Anemarie Moser-Proell scooped the titles in 1974 and 1978.

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NBA ROUNDUP

Abdul-Jabbar helps Lakers rout Nets

NEW YORK, Feb 6, (AP): The Los Angeles Lakers are back in sync, largely due to the improved play of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Rumoured on the way to the bench a month ago, Abdul-Jabbar has responded by scoring in double figures in his last 11 outings. He had 18 points last night in a 134-116 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

His first basket, a 10-foot sky hook from the baseline just 22 seconds into the game, pushed him over the 38,000-point mark, nearly 7,000 ahead of runner-up Will Chamberlain on the all-time list.

"These milestones are nice," the 41-year-old Abdul-Jabbar said. "I'm contributing more, and that's something to feel good about. I was feeling like I was just taking up space."

In his last 11 games, Abdul-Jabbar is averaging 13.8 points, compared to his 8.4 average in the previous 27 games. He also had nine rebounds in yesterday's victory. The Lakers' 10th in their last 12 games.

"I think Kareem is all the way back," Lakers coach Pat Riley said. "He was losing a little bit because of his conditioning, and his comeback has coincided with the whole team's commitment to play harder."

Elsewhere in the National Basketball Association yesterday, it was Cleveland 110, Charlotte 91; Detroit 113, Chicago 102; Seattle 89, Boston 87; Miami 102, Sacramento 98; and Houston 124, Denver 112.

Magic Johnson had 27 points and 13 assists, James Worthy had 22 points and Orlando Woolridge 20 for the Lakers.

Rookie Chris Morris led the Nets with 29 points, a career high, and Dennis Hopson had 21.

Supersonics 89, Celtics 87

Seattle held Boston to 14 points in the fourth quarter and Derrick McKey's two free throws with six seconds left capped a rally from a seven-point deficit with less than four minutes remaining.

Heat 102, Kings 88

Expansion Miami won for only the fifth time in 43 games when Jon Sundvold scored eight of his 20 points in the final three minutes after the Heat blew a 17-point lead against Sacramento.

Pistons 113, Bulls 102

Detroit beat Chicago for the fourth time without a loss this season as Isiah Thomas scored 11 of his 19 points down the stretch, stopping a Bulls' rally.

Cavaliers 110, Hornets 91

Cleveland, which beat Charlotte by 40 points and 24 points earlier this season, continued to dominate the Hornets.

Rockets 124, Nuggets 112

Houston had eight players in double figures in its victory over Denver.

Karpov sails into chess semifinals

SEATTLE, Feb 6. (AP): Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and Iceland's Johann Hjartarson played a draw in game five of their world chess championship candidates quarterfinal yesterday, giving Karpov enough points to win the match.

Hjartarson, a 25-year-old grandmaster, settled for a draw after the 32nd move. In a draw, each player receives one-half point, giving Karpov the 3 1/2 points he needed to win the match. Hjartarson finished with 1 1/2 points.

Chess grandmaster Joel Benjamin called the fifth game "the best game of the match."

"Johann played aggressively, with more spirit than in earlier games, hoping to get back in the match with a win," Benjamin said.

Variation

Benjamin and other chess analysts said Karpov, 37, playing black, used the Zaitsev variation to the Ruy Lopez and was able to thwart Hjartarson's attempts to set up an attacking formation. In the final position, Karpov accepted the draw when offered.

Karpov receives

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

World Cup

LONDON, Feb 6. (Reuter): Ray Williams, former secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, has been appointed tournament director for the 1991 World Cup. Williams, 61, was named today by the International Rugby Board (IRB).

Australian group

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 6. (Reuter): A large group of Australian cricketing administrators, journalists and veteran players are to visit South Africa next month to study current race policies in sport.

Chris Waddle

LONDON, Feb 6. (AP): Chris Waddle has withdrawn from the English team that will play an exhibition soccer game against Greece this week because of a groin injury. England manager Bobby Robson said last night.

Robin Givens

NEW YORK, Feb 6. (AP): Actress Robin Givens will sign a divorce agreement with heavyweight champion Mike Tyson later this week, her lawyer said today. "I met her last night," Felder said. "There were a few hitches. But I'm sure she'll sign later this week."

IBF fight

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Feb 6. (Reuter): Darrin van Horn scored a unanimous 12-round decision over fellow American Robert Hines to capture the International Boxing Federation junior middleweight crown yesterday.

Danish boxer

COPENHAGEN, Feb 6. (Reuter): Denmark's Eypum Can will fight the British champion, unbeaten Scotsman Pat Clinton, here on February 16 for the vacant European flyweight boxing title, promoter and Can's manager Mogens Palle said today.

Ivan Lendl

CHICAGO, Feb 6 (AP): With \$13.2 million already in the bank, Ivan Lendl, hopes to add another \$60,000 by winning the \$300,000 Volvo Chicago tennis tournament, which starts tomorrow.

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Results of the Menselite Ladies Bridge Club game played on Monday morning:

1. Nahid Akel & Lolita Murtwala
2. Margaret Rob-Wheeler & Ghofran Mihkail

3. Margaret Maynard & Martha Griffiths

A new bridge tournament, sponsored by Wexford Stores, will start at the Regency Hotel from Feb 19.